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## TOWN OFFICERS.

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### ELECTED AND QUALIFIED.

#### *Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.*

A. K. Tyler, term expires April, 1898.

R. B. Adams, term expires April, 1898.

W. Z. Sherwin, term expires April, 1898.

#### *Town Clerk.*

E. Alonzo Blood.

#### *Town Treasurer.*

C. F. Josselyn.

#### *School Committee.*

G. L. Whitcomb, term expires April, 1898.

E. A. Blood, term expires April, 1898.

C. E. Streeter, term expires April, 1898.

L. G. Chandler, term expires April, 1899.

J. W. Eastman, term expires April, 1899.

A. Reed, term expires April, 1899.

H. B. Hildreth, term expires April, 1900.

E. C. Tuttle, term expires April, 1900.

G. A. Wilder, term expires April, 1900.

#### *Constables.*

Michael O'Brien,

F. A. Patch,

F. J. Knight.

#### *Tax Collector.*

A. S. Howard.

*Auditors.*

H. A. Hill,                      E. W. Seaver.

*Sextons.*

J. L. Farrar,                      C. E. Patch.

*Trustees of Public Library.*

Miss F. J. Worcester, term expires April, 1898.

Oliver Proctor, term expires April, 1899.

E. R. Kilbourn, term expires April, 1900.

*Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber.*

W. M. Lawrence,              B. F. Warren,              B. H. Savage,  
A. F. Stickney.

*Public Weighers.*

W. M. Lawrence,              L. C. Jefts,              J. W. Eastman,  
H. F. Finegan,              Lawrence Morgan.

*Cullers of Hoops and Staves.*

A. F. Stickney,              T. J. J. Harvey.

*Fence Viewers.*

H. H. Jennerson,              Joel Cook.

*Highway Surveyors.*

Jerry Donovan,              E. E. Campbell,              C. M. Proctor.

*Committee on Suppression of Illegal Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.*

E. R. Kilbourn,              W. D. Hinds,              T. E. Flarity,  
F. A. Patch,              Clarence Stickney,  
E. F. Spaulding,              H. N. Spaulding.

*Cemetery Commissioners.*

Clarence Stickney, term expires April, 1898.

A. D. Fessenden, term expires April, 1899.

E. C. Tuttle, term expires April, 1900.

## OFFICERS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIED, ETC.

*Engineers of Fire Department.*

T. E. Flarity,	E. C. Tuttle,	C. E. Streeter,
C. M. Proctor,	F. J. Knight,	Lawrence Morgan.

*Forest Fire Wards.*

J. E. Donovan, S. A. Weaver, H. H. Jennerson,  
 Charles Wyman, W. D. Hinds, C. P. Mudgett,  
 T. J. Smith, A. D. Fessenden.

*Scaler of Weights and Measures.*

F. J. Piper.

*Registrars of Voters.*

E. A. Blood, Clerk of the Board.

G. A. Proctor, term expires May, 1898.

J. M. Coffee, term expires May, 1899.

H. L. Stickney, term expires May, 1900.

*Agents of the Board of Health.*

A. J. Atwood, M. D.,	L. G. Chandler, M. D.,
E. A. Blood,	J. N. Going.

*To have charge of the burial of honorably discharged soldiers  
 or sailors who may die in Townsend, without leav-  
 ing sufficient means to defray funeral expenses.*

Levi T. Parker.

*Special Police.*

A. E. Busteed.

*Inspector of Animals and Provisions.*

John N. Going.

*Licensed Auctioneer.*

Lawrence Morgan.

*Licensed Innholders.*

L. C. Brown and W. S. Brown,                      G. C. Nutting,  
Alexander Reed,              A. G. Stickney.

*Licensed to Keep a Pool Table.*

George C. Nutting.

*Licensed to keep four or more horses in one stable.*

L. C. Brown & Son,      G. C. Nutting,      A. D. Fessenden,  
J. L. Farrar,      U. S. Adams,      Clarence Stickney,  
C. M. Proctor.

*Ballot Clerks.*

T. E. Flarity,                      F. J. Knight,                      G. A. Proctor,  
Alexander Reed.

*Tellers.*

E. W. Seaver,                      Clarence Stickney,      T. J. J. Harvey,  
H. D. Thomas.

## TOWN MEETINGS, 1897.

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### ARTICLES OF THE WARRANT AND ACTION OF THE TOWN UNDER EACH ARTICLE.

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*Town Meeting, April 5, 1897, at 10 o'clock A. M.*

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ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

Voted and chose T. E. Flarity, Moderator.

On motion of W. O. Taylor voted to take up Article 20.

ART. 20.—To accept of the reports of the town officers and committees.

Each report was taken up and accepted.

On motion, voted that Article 7 be made the special order of business at 2 o'clock p. m.

ART. 2.—To choose all necessary town officers and committee for the ensuing year.

On motion of W. O. Taylor, voted that the Moderator be directed to appoint a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to receive for distribution all ballots offered to them for candidates to be voted for at this meeting, this committee to be located in some convenient place in the hall, and to furnish ballots to voters on application.

The chair appointed Clarence Stickney, Melvin Davis and Waldo Spaulding as said committee.

Voted and chose E. A. Blood, Town Clerk.

Voted to take a recess of one hour for dinner.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 1 o'clock and twenty minutes.

The Moderator appointed E. C. Tuttle, E. A. Craig and E. W. Seaver as tellers, to assist in checking the voting list and assorting and counting the ballots.

Voted and chose R. B. Adams, W. Z. Sherwin and A. K. Tyler, Selectmen.

In accordance with the vote of the morning, Article 7 was now taken up.

ART. 7.—To decide whether the town will license the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Voted not to license the sale of intoxicating liquors. Yes had 9 votes ; No had 136 votes.

Returned to Article 2.

Voted the chair appoint a committee of three to receive proposals for the collection of taxes. Chair appointed Oliver Proctor, A. F. Stickney and H. B. Hildreth.

Voted and chose C. F. Josselyn, Town Treasurer.

Voted and chose H. B. Hildreth, E. C. Tuttle and G. A. Wilder, School Committee.

Voted and chose Michael O'Brien, First Constable.

Voted and chose F. A. Patch, Second Constable.

Voted and chose F. J. Knight, Third Constable.

The committee heretofore appointed, reported that A. S. Howard would collect taxes for one per cent.

By unanimous consent the clerk cast one ballot for A. S. Howard, collector of taxes, and he was declared elected.

For Auditors, it was moved the clerk cast one ballot for Henry A. Hill, Waldo Spaulding and E. W. Seaver. No objection being raised, the ballot was cast, and they were declared elected.

Voted and chose J. L. Farrar, Sexton for Townsend Centre.

Voted and chose C. E. Patch, Sexton for West Townsend.

For Trustee of the Public Library for three years, by unanimous consent the clerk cast one ballot for E. R. Kilbourn, and he was elected.



For Cemetery Commissioner for three years, the clerk cast one ballot and E. C. Tuttle was elected.

On motion of A. H. Rice, voted to elect three road commissioners.

It being ascertained that the town could not elect road commissioners, the vote was reconsidered, and the motion voted down.

Mr. Rice then moved, and it was voted to choose three Highway Surveyors.

Voted a committee of five be appointed to retire and bring in the names of three persons for Highway Surveyors.

The chair appointed A. H. Rice, G. F. Lawton, W. O. Taylor, J. F. Thompson and Waldo Spaulding.

Voted that Field Drivers be appointed by the Selectmen.

For Weighers of Merchandise, chose W. M. Lawrence, L. C. Jefts, E. F. Spaulding, J. W. Eastman, H. F. Finegan, Lawrence Morgan.

For Cullers of Hoops and Staves, chose Silas Lawrence, A. F. Stickney, T. J. J. Harvey.

For Fence Viewers, chose H. H. Jennerson, E. A. Craig, Joel Cook.

For Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber, chose A. F. Stickney, B. H. Savage, B. F. Warren, E. F. Spaulding, W. M. Lawrence, Silas Lawrence.

Voted not to choose any Assessors or Overseers of the Poor.

The committee appointed, reported the names of Jerry Donovan, E. E. Campbell and C. M. Proctor for Highway Surveyors.

By unanimous consent the clerk cast a ballot for the three named, and they were elected.

ART. 3.—To raise and appropriate money for the maintenance of highways, bridges and breaking snow paths; support of poor, town officers, elected and appointed; general expenses, Memorial hall, military aid, watering trough at Harbor, Memorial hall and state road notes to be cancelled 1897, interest on memorial hall and state road notes, interest on money borrowed in anticipation of taxes, insur-

ance, village improvements, Memorial day, superintendent of schools, school teachers, school incidentals, firemen of fire department at Center and West Townsend, teams for fires, fire department incidentals, hose for fire department, printing town reports; say how much and how the same shall be expended, or act in any relation thereto.

Voted to raise for highways, bridges and breaking snow paths, to include snow paths on sidewalks, \$2000 00

Voted to instruct the Selectmen not to exceed the appropriation.

Voted to raise for the support of the poor,	1500 00
Town officers elected and appointed,	675 00
General expenses,	550 00
Memorial hall,	300 00
Military aid,	50 00
Watering trough at the Harbor,	5 00
Town hall and state road notes,	2400 00
Interest on town hall and state road notes,	682 89
Interest on money borrowed in anticipation of taxes,	300 00
Insurance,	225 00
Memorial day,	75 00
Superintendent of schools,	240 00
School teachers salaries,	3500 00
School incidentals,	1500 00
Firemen of fire department,	400 00
Teams for fires	25 00
Fire department incidentals	175 00
Hose for fire department	250 00
Printing town reports	119 85

ART. 4.—To decide if the money refunded to the town on account of dog licenses shall be used for the public library or for schools.

Voted the money be used for the library.

ART. 5.—To authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow such sums of money in anticipation of taxes as shall be found necessary to meet the current expenses of the year, or take any action in relation thereto.

Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money, with the approval of the Selectmen, in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 6.—To direct the Tax Collector to charge interest upon all taxes not paid at a specified time, or act in any way in relation thereto.

A motion was made to charge seven per cent. the same as last year ; this motion was voted down.

Voted to charge six per cent. on all taxes not paid on or before Dec. 1, 1897.

ART. 8.—To choose a committee to act with the Selectmen in the suppression of the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors, or act in relation thereto.

Chose E. R. Kilbourn, W. D. Hinds, T. E. Flarity, Clarence Stickney, F. A. Patch, E. F. Spaulding, H. N. Spaulding.

ART. 9.—By request, to see if the town will vote to give the Congregational Church in Townsend the privilege of putting in a drawer in the upper vault in Memorial Hall building for the better preservation of their early records, provided that said church be at the expense of putting in said drawer, and, provided further, that no one shall have access to said vault except in the presence of, or with the consent of the Selectmen.

A. D. Fessenden moved an amendment, by adding after the word "Selectmen" the words "or Town Clerk." The amendment was adopted.

Then voted in accordance with the provisions of the article.

ART. 10.—By request, to see if the town will raise \$400, to be used in breaking snow paths and lighting the streets of the three villages of the town, or act in relation thereto.

Voted to raise \$350, and the same be expended under the direction of the Constables.

ART. 11.—By request, to see if the town will adopt the names of streets and roads of the town as submitted by the Board of Trade.

Oliver Proctor moved that the name of the road called the "Caper Corner" road be changed and be known as the "Warren" road. Voted. A. F. Stickney moved that the name spelled E-m-o-r-y be changed and spelled E-m-e-r-y. Voted. Also, that the name Wilson Brook be changed to Hathorn Brook. Voted. Also, that roads known as the Wyman Road, the Pearl Hill Road, the Stevens Road and the Bulliss Road be placed on the plan. Voted.

The names of the streets and roads presented by the Board of Trade were adopted as amended.

ACT. 12.—By request, to determine if the town will choose a committee whose duty shall be to provide a suitable repository for the records of the town, said repository to be a fixture in the upper town vault, and place the town records therein or act thereon. Also, to authorize or direct said committee to gather all books, plans of roads and other papers not otherwise provided for, and place such books in the Public Library, so far as practicable, and furnish such other provisions as it deems the interest of the town demands, or act thereon.

Voted the Trustees of the Public Library be a committee to carry out the provisions of the article, and report their doings to the town at some future meeting.

ART. 13.—By request, to decide if the town will grant the Trustees of the Public Library the use of the iron safe, now in what was the Selectmen's room in Engine building.

Voted to grant to said Trustees the use of said safe.

ART. 14.—By request, to hear report of committee chosen under Article 7 in town affairs, Nov. 3, 1896.

Mr. Oliver Proctor, the committee, reported that he had secured the early records of infant baptisms, and had placed the same in the town vault. Voted to accept the report.

ART. 15.—By request, to see if the town will choose a committee to prepare a design for a town seal, or act in relation thereto.

Chose R. A. Lancey, E. C. Tuttle and C. F. Worcester as such committee.

ART. 16.—To see if the town will accept from Mrs. Dr. Miles Spaulding of Groton, widow of Dr. Miles Spaulding, formerly of Townsend, the sum of \$100, and apply the income of the same perpetually to the care of his lot No. 42, on the east side of Avenue 2, or act in relation thereto.

On motion of A. D. Fessenden, voted that the town accept from Mrs. Dr. Miles Spaulding, as agent of the late Dr. Miles Spaulding of Groton, the sum of \$100, and apply the income of the same perpetually to the care of the whole of lot No. 42, on the east side of Avenue 2 in the cemetery in Townsend, the ownership of the westerly half of said lot now standing upon the records and plans of the Cemetery Commissioners in the name of Dr. Miles Spaulding, and the easterly half in the name of Mrs. Lucy Ball of Townsend, sister of the above named Spaulding.

ART. 17.—To see if the town will accept from James Gillis the sum of \$150, for the perpetual care of his lot in cemetery in Townsend.

On motion of A. D. Fessenden, voted that the town accept from James Gillis of Townsend, the sum of \$150, the income of the same to be applied perpetually to the care of his lot in cemetery in Townsend.

ART. 18.—To see if the town will grant to the Cemetery Commissioners the privilege of using the balance of unexpended fence appropriation for laying additional water pipes in cemetery.

Voted to grant the privilege asked for in the article.

ART. 19.—To hear the report of the Selectmen in relation to a bookcase for Selectmen's room.

Mr. R. B. Adams reported that a bookcase had been purchased at a cost of \$78 and placed in the Selectmen's room. Mr. Adams was asked if the bookcase was large enough to hold all the books on hand and to be placed in it. He replied that it was not. On motion, voted to lay the report on the table.

On motion, voted the Selectmen be instructed to put an article in the warrant for the next town meeting relative to said bookcase.

A resolution was offered by W. O. Taylor, that the Town Clerk call a citizens' caucus two weeks before the next annual town meeting. Voted this matter be laid on the table.

On motion, voted the Selectmen be instructed to put an article in the warrant for our next meeting relating to and covering the Australian Ballot System, and to the calling of caucuses.

On motion, voted to extend to the Moderator a vote of thanks for the very efficient manner in which he has conducted the business of the meeting, and to pay him \$5 for the same.

Voted to adjourn the meeting.

T. E. FLARITY, Moderator.

Attest: E. A. BLOOD, Town Clerk.



## TOWN MEETING, JUNE 30, 1897.

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

Chose T. E. Flarity, Moderator.

ART. 2.—To see if the town will withdraw from the district composed of the towns of Ashby, Townsend and Pepperell, formed for the employment of a Superintendent of Schools.

Voted unanimously to withdraw from said district.

ART. 3.—To see if the town will accept the provisions of a Special Act of the General Court of 1897, entitled "An Act authorizing the towns of Ashby and Townsend, in the County of Middlesex, to unite in employing a Superintendent of Schools.

Voted, not to accept the provisions of this Special Act.

ART. 4.—To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 431 of the Acts of 1888, and subsequent amendments, relating to the employment of a Superintendent of Schools, and appropriate money therefore

E. C. Tuttle moved that the town accept the provisions of Chapter 431, Acts of 1888 and subsequent amendments relating to the employment of a Superintendent of Schools, and appropriate the sum of \$337 therefor.

By vote the motion was lost.

ART. 5.—To see if the town will unite with the towns of Ashby, Ashburnham, Winchendon, Westminster, Lunenburg, Shirley, Harvard, Ayer, Pepperell, Dunstable, or with any one or more of them to employ a Superintendent of Schools.

Voted, not to unite with any town mentioned.

ART. 6.—To see if the town will authorize its Board of Fire Engineers to have the steam fire engine repaired or exchanged, and to raise or borrow and appropriate money for such purpose, or act in relation thereto.

On motion of A. D. Fessenden, voted that the Board of Fire Engineers be and hereby are authorized to act as a committee for the purpose of repairing the town's steam fire engine, with power to make contracts in behalf of the town to an amount not to exceed \$625 for that purpose.

Voted that W. O. Taylor and Frank A. Greenleaf be added to the committee.

On motion of A. D. Fessenden, voted that the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to borrow in behalf of the town the sum of \$625, and to issue therefore the town's note or notes, countersigned by the Selectmen, bearing interest not exceeding 4 per cent. per annum and taxes if assessed in town, payable semi-annually; such note or notes to become due July 1, 1898, and said sum of \$625 to be expended in repairing the town's steam fire engine.

Voted to change the time the aforesaid note or notes become due from July 1, 1898, to March 1, 1898.

Voted to adjourn the meeting.

T. E. FLARITY, Moderator.

Attest: E. A. BLOOD, Town Clerk.

## TOWN MEETING SEPTEMBER 20, 1897.

ART. 1.—To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

Chose T. E. Flarity, Moderator.

ART. 2.—To decide whether the town approves of the system of superintendency of schools under Chapter 431 of the Acts of the year 1888 and Acts in amendment thereof.

On motion of E. R. Kilbourn, voted that as a town we do approve of said system.

ART. 3.—On motion of C. F. Worcester, voted to lay Articles 3, 4 and 5 on the table.

ART. 6.—To accept Chapter 433 of the Acts and Resolves of the Massachusetts Legislature for the year 1897, entitled an Act to authorize the towns of Ashby and Townsend to unite in the employment of a Superintendent of Schools.

Voted to accept of said Chapter 433.

ART. 7.—To see if the town will unite with the town of Ashby in employing a Superintendent of Schools under the provisions of Chapter 431 of the Acts of the year 1888 and Acts in amendment thereof.

Voted to unite with the town of Ashby as specified in the Article.

ART. 8.—To borrow and appropriate the sum of \$350, to be used in the employment of a Superintendent of Schools under the aforesaid act.

On motion of C. F. Worcester, voted that the town borrow and appropriate the sum of \$350, to be used in the employment of a Superintendent of Schools under the aforesaid act, and the Treasurer be authorized to issue therefor a town note payable July 20, 1898, with interest not exceeding 4 per cent. per annum, and taxes if assessed in town. Seventy-one voted in affirmative and none in negative.

ART. 9.—To apply all money now on hand heretofore received from the State on account of Superintendent of Schools, together with all money now on hand heretofore raised for Superintendent of Schools, for the payment of salary of Superintendent to be employed under said Act.

Voted to apply the money as specified in the article so far as can legally be done.

ART. 10.—To see if the town will give the Townsend Memorial Association authority to place in front of Memorial Hall two guns and two pyramids of projectiles donated to the Association by the United States Government, or act in relation thereto.

Voted that the town give the Association the authority asked in the Article, and that the guns and projectiles be placed in such position as will be acceptable to the Selectmen and the Memorial Association.

Voted the Memorial Association have full care of the guns after they are placed in position.

Voted to adjourn the meeting.

T. E. FLARITY, Moderator.

Attest: E. A. BLOOD, Town Clerk.

## TOWN MEETING, NOVEMBER 2, 1897.

## STATE ELECTION.

Pursuant to the warrant the freeholders and other inhabitants of Townsend met at the time and place therein mentioned.

The meeting was opened with the usual preliminaries and the voting began.

The meeting in town affairs was called at 2.15 P. M., and the articles in the warrant acted upon as follows:

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

Chose T. E. Flarity, Moderator.

ART. 2.—To act in relation to the Jury List, as revised by the Selectmen, October 18, 1897.

The Jury List was read and accepted, and stands as follows:

Bliss, David	Lawrence, Herman W.
Campbell, Edgar E.	Morse, Edward B.
Clark, George G.	Morse, John J.
Coffey, John M.	O'Brien, William
Donovan, Jerry	Patch, Fred A.
Eastman, George L.	Pratt, Edward J.
Finegan, John D.	Proctor, Galen A.
Fletcher, Dana A.	Seaver, Irving A.
Goodwin, Thomas T.	Stickney, Charles B.
Hinds, Warren D.	Stickney, Herman L.
Jennerson, Henry H.	Turner, Albert D.
Kilbourn, Eugene R.	Thomas, Herbert D.
Knight, Frank J.	Welch, Morris C.

ART. 3.—By vote of the town April 5, 1897, to see if the town will vote that ballots for Town Officers therein shall be provided at the expense of the town; the election of such officers to be thereafter conducted in accordance with

provisions of Chapter 417 of Acts of 1893 and Acts in amendment and addition thereto, so far as the same shall be applicable.

On motion, voted affirmatively in accordance with the provisions of the Article.

ART. 4.—To determine what Town Officers not already required by law to be chosen by ballot shall be so chosen; and also determine the number and terms of the officers so to be chosen, in case the number of officers so to be chosen, or their terms of office are not already fixed by law.

Voted that we elect by ballot all officers required by law to be so elected and include the Sextons.

ART. 5.—To authorize the Town Clerk to call a citizens' caucus two weeks before the next annual town meeting.

Voted to pass the Article.

Meeting in town affairs adjourned.

T. E. FLARITY, Moderator.

Attest: E. A. BLOOD, Town Clerk.

The polls were closed at 3.25 o'clock.

After the votes were counted declaration thereof was made in open meeting, as follows:

*For Governor.*

John Bascom, Prohibition	had	10 votes.
William Everett, Democratic National	"	7 "
George Fred Williams, Democratic	"	25 "
Roger Wolcott, Republican	"	125 "

*For Lieutenant Governor.*

Christopher T. Callahan, Democratic	had	27 votes.
James E. Cotter, Democratic National	"	5 "
W. Murray Crane, Republican	"	125 "
Willard O. Wylie, Prohibition	"	10 "



*For Secretary.*

Charles D. Nash, Democratic	had	29	votes.
William M. Olin, Republican	"	120	"
Edwin Sawtell, Prohibition	"	10	"
Bernard M. Wolf, Democratic National	"	4	"

*For Treasurer.*

George A. Brown, Socialist Labor Party	had	1	vote.
Robert C. Habberley, Prohibition	"	11	"
Edward P. Shaw, Republican	"	122	"
Horace P. Tobey, Democratic National	"	7	"
Thomas A. Watson, Democratic	"	25	"

*For Auditor.*

Harry Douglass, Democratic National	had	4	votes.
John W. Kimball, Republican	"	117	"
Joseph Henry Sheldon, Democratic	"	26	"
Herbert M. Small, Prohibition	"	12	"

*For Attorney General.*

Wolcott Hamlin, Prohibition	had	13	votes.
Hosea M. Knowlton, Republican	"	118	"
William W. McClench, Democratic National	"	4	"
John A. O'Keefe, Democratic	"	23	"

*For Councillor.*

Elisha H. Shaw, Republican	had	126	votes.
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*For Senator.*

William H. Brigham, Republican	had	122	votes.
Alvah Fisher, Democratic	"	26	"

*For Representative in General Court.*

Ulysses W. Kidder, Democratic	had	38	votes.
George L. Whitcomb, Republican	"	122	"



The following is a list of names of all persons for whom votes were cast, and the number of votes cast for each person :

	Ashby.	Gro- ton.	Pep- perell.	Town- send.	To. tals.
Ulysses W. Kidder, of Pepperell	8	29	113	38	188
George L. Whitcomb, of Town- send	71	117	240	122	550
Frank Weston, of Townsend				2	2
Waldo Spaulding, “			1		1
C. B. Taft, of Pepperell			1		1
James Lawrence, of Groton		2			2

JOEL W. SHELDON,  
Town Clerk of Ashby.

APPLETON H. TORREY,  
Town Clerk of Groton.

PARKER J. KEMP,  
Town Clerk of Pepperell.

E. ALONZO BLOOD,  
Town Clerk of Townsend.

Attest: E. ALONZO BLOOD, Town Clerk.

## TOWN MEETING, JANUARY 1, 1898.

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

Voted and chose T. E. Flarity, Moderator.

ART. 2.—To see if the town will accept of a gift of scenery from the Townsend Grange to be placed in Memorial Hall, and allow the stage in said hall to be extended in accordance with plans to be submitted, or act in any way relating thereto.

Voted to accept of a gift of scenery from the Grange and allow the stage to be extended.

Voted the Grange have the use of the hall, free of expense, for said purpose.

ART. 3.—To hear report of committee on Town Seal, or act in any way relating thereto.

The committee recommended a seal for the town, with electrotpe of Memorial Hall for the central figure, at a cost not exceeding \$17.

Voted to adopt the recommendation.

ART. 4.—To hear the report of the Selectmen in relation to the bookcase for Selectmen's room, or act in any way relating thereto.

The Selectmen reported that they had provided what in their judgment was a suitable bookcase.

Voted to lay the report on the table.

Voted a committee of three be appointed to look into the matter of the bookcase, and report at the next town meeting.

The Chair appointed C. F. Worcester, E. C. Tuttle and A. J. Atwood.

Voted that A. K. Tyler be added to the committee.

ART. 5.—To hear the report of the committee on repairs of the Steam Fire Engine, and appropriate money to defray the expense thereof over the amount heretofore appropriated, or act in any way relating thereto.

T. E. Flarity, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, made a full written report in regard to the Steam Fire Engine, which showed that in order to do good work on the Engine the committee had exceeded the appropriation to the amount of \$183.09, the total cost of the repairs being \$808.09.

Voted to accept the report.

Voted that the town appropriate \$183.09 to pay the expense incurred—in excess of the former appropriation—in repairing the Engine.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to arrange with holder of the \$600 note, soon becoming due, to extend the time of the payment of said note, thereby creating a balance from which the appropriation can be paid.

Also, vote the Selectmen use their judgment in the matter, taking into consideration the Bank and Corporation Tax.

ART. 6.—To see if the town will appoint a committee to consider the feasibility of providing electric lighting for the three villages of the town, or by investment of private capital, the committee to report at the next annual town meeting, or act in any way relating thereto.

Voted that a committee be appointed to carry out the provisions of the article.

The chair appointed E. C. Tuttle, U. S. Adams, W. M. Lawrence and H. N. Spaulding.

ART. 7.—To see if the town will choose a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to examine the present methods of keeping the accounts and records of the town and the filing of papers, and report at the next meeting any changes they think it advisable to make.

Voted a committee be selected for the purposes specified in the article.

Chose, E. W. Seaver, A. K. Tyler and C. F. Worcester.

ART. 8.—To see if the town will vote to provide additional shelves for the use of voters in making ballots at the annual meetings, or act in any way relating thereto.

Voted to lay the article on the table.

ART. 9.—To see if the town will vote to keep the pump in front of the Drug Store in repair, or act in any way in relation to the same.

Voted that the town keep said pump in repair.

ART. 10.—By request, to see if the town will offer any inducement whereby the manufacture of furniture may be continued here, or take any action in relation thereto.

A committee of five, consisting of A. D. Fessenden, E. C. Tuttle, H. B. Hildreth, Clarence Stickney and A. H. Rice, were chosen to consider the matter and report at the next town meeting.

Voted the committee be also instructed to consider any other line of business.

ART. 11.—By request, to see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to provide coal for the use of the fire department, or act in any way in relation thereto.

Voted that the Selectmen provide coal for the fire department.

ART. 12.—To accept a bond given by Joseph Bennett, of the City of Worcester, to the town of Townsend, for the support of Joseph Gassett, a pauper thrown on the town, or act in any way in relation thereto.

Voted to accept said bond.

ART. 13.—To choose a committee to investigate as to the necessity of purchasing a hearse, and report at the next annual town meeting, or act in any way in relation to the same.

Chose H. F. Greene, W. Z. Sherwin and W. O. Taylor a committee for the purpose specified in the article.

Voted to adjourn.

T. E. FLARITY, Moderator.

Attest: E. A. BLOOD, Town Clerk.



# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWNSEND FOR THE YEAR 1897.

No.	Date of Birth.	Names.	Names of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
1	Jan. 24	William Lordan	Daniel J. and Mary A. (Donovan)	Farmer	Ireland	Ireland
2	Feb. 10	George Leonard Searls	Joseph N. and Catherine B. (Pottet)	Cooper	Townsend	Ashtand
3	Mar. 1	James Francis Smith	Robert G. and Nellie G. (Coffey)	Bookkeeper	Littleton	Townsend
4	Mar. 7	Edith May Farrar	Stephen M. and Myra G. (Webster)	Teamster	Troy, N. H.	Orange
5	Mar. 12	Elsie Jane Morey	William A. and Lena L. (Burgess)	Laborer	Gloucester	Groton
6	Mar. 20	Ida May Wood	Luther A. and Louise L. (Handy)	Blacksmith	Pepperell	Cape Cod
7	Apr. 29	Ethel Gertrude Upham	George J. and Minnie R. (Coombs)	Farmer	Highlandville	England
8	May 8	Albert Freeman Parker	Levi T. and Flora L. (Keith)	Cooper	Pepperell	Wyoming, N. Y.
9	June 23	Harold Greene	Patrick H. and Annie (Wallace)	Section Hand	Ireland	Ireland
10	June 25	Harold Edgecomb Searls	Walter E. and Susie M. (Edgecomb)	Cooper	Townsend	Woburn
11	July 4	Catherine Gertrude Marr	John F. and Catherine (McHugh)	Hotel Keeper	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Ireland
12	July 19	Everett Lewis Allen	H. Lewis and Carrie E. (Simont)	Fish Dealer	Manchester	Saco, Me.
13	July 22	Daisy May Hobart	George W. and Mary E. (Farrar)	Teamster	Townsend	Mason, N. H.
14	Aug. 10	Cornelius Percival Keefe	Michael and Annie (Precious)	Farmer	Ireland	England
15	Aug. 18	Flora Caroline Stewart	William J. and Elizabeth S. (Sloan)	Carpenter	Waltham	Townsend
16	Oct. 30	Forest Augustus Aker	Thomas A. and Hattie A. (Elliott)	Laborer	Boston	Mason, N. H.
17	Nov. 9	Gladys Weston Spaulding	Lyman B. and Jennie C. (Weston)	Cooper	Townsend	Townsend
18	Dec. 9	Reta Lotty Dickinson	David L. and Emily H. (Bishop)	Laborer	Bradford, Vt.	Woodstock, Vt.
19	Dec. 15	Henry Stevens Clifford	Arthur B. and Evelyn M. (Stevens)	Machinist	Niagara Falls, N. Y.	Winchendon
20	Dec. 24	Nathalie Elvira O'Brien	William T. and Hattie M. (Longley)	Cooper	Townsend	Laneburg
21	Nov. 14	Irene Magdalene Rogers	Thomas F. and Nellie J. (Driscoll)	Stone Contractor	Lockport	New York City

# MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF TOWNSEND FOR THE YEAR 1897.

Date.	Name of Groom and Bride.	Residence.	Occupation.	Place of Birth.	Names of Parents.	Where and by whom Married.
1 Jan. 9	William J. Doyle	Nashua, N. H.	Clerk	Oakdale	James F. and Ellen E. (Hartigan)	Townsend, C. H. Rowley,
2 Jan. 18	Alice M. Soule	"	Shoe Stitcher	Bath, Me.	James T. and Eva (Robinson)	Pastor Congl. Church
3 Jan. 18	Herbert J. Willard	Townsend	Broom-maker	Mason, N. H.	Herbert and Abbie J. (Robbins)	Ashby, Geo. S. Shaw,
4 Feb. 20	Leona L. Rurbridge	"	Housework	Nova Scotia	Elisha and Bessie A. (Rafuse)	Pastor First Parish
5 Mar. 1	Fred M. Bisbee	"	Miller	Bath, Me.	Studley and Helen A. (Tibbets)	Nashua, Chas. L. White,
6 Mar. 1	George A. Ducharme	Nashua, N. H.	Housework	Ashby	Dexter and Julia B. (Hilton)	Pastor 1st Baptist Church
7 May 30	Clara E. Dickinson	Townsend	Cooper	Townsend	John and Mary (Labounty)	Leominster, T. C. O'Connor,
8 May 30	Ogil Phippen	Leominster	Shirt Maker	Shirley	Joseph and Mary (Allen)	Pastor St. Leo's Church
9 June 27	Elmer J. Wyeth	Townsend	Farmer	Townsend	Hiram and Abigail (Burgess)	Townsend, Wm. H. Nobbs,
10 June 27	Jennie E. Coruth	Brookline, N. H.	Housework	Groton	Arsa and Louise (Hazen)	Pastor Baptist Church
11 July 21	Burton L. Bruce	Ashby	Farmer	Townsend	Leonard O. and Abby E. (Lewis)	Townsend, Wm. H. Nobbs,
12 July 21	Willcene Brooks	Townsend	Domestic	Nova Scotia	Harding and Margaret A. (Causman)	Pastor Baptist Church
13 July 26	Elmer H. Cutts	Chicago, Ill.	Printer	Sunapee, N. H.	Harvey and Mary A. (Millen)	Townsend, C. H. Rowley,
14 July 26	Alice F. Tyler	Townsend	Teacher	Townsend	Stephen and Sarah A. (Lawrence)	Pastor Congl. Church
15 Sept. 10	J. Hardy Legg	"	Laborer	Nova Scotia	Benjamin and Annie (Corkum)	Townsend, C. H. Rowley,
16 Sept. 10	Cora M. Taylor	"	Housework	Rutland Vt.	Edgar N. and Georgie (Dow)	Pastor Congl. Church
17 Oct. 16	Joseph Gorham	"	Milling	Townsend	Joseph and Angeline (Bonie)	Lunenburg, Ferd. Brooks,
18 Oct. 16	Henrietta Farmer	"	Housework	Nova Scotia	John and Mary (Quillion)	Justice of the Peace
19 Oct. 20	Charles A. Jodrey	"	Milling	Townsend	Alban and Maggie (Vieno)	Townsend, Wm. H. Nobbs,
20 Oct. 20	Ethel R. Wood	"	At home	Pepperell	Lucius F. and Harriet E. (Davis)	Pastor Baptist Church
21 Oct. 20	George B. Paige	Pepperell	Merchant	Pepperell	Walter B. and Lucy P. (Bancroft)	Townsend, Chas. Babbidge,
22 Oct. 20	Adelle F. Gates	Townsend	Bookkeeper	Townsend	George E. and Elma L. (Cook)	Clergyman
23 Oct. 20	Osborne L. Drake	"	Farmer	Albion, Me.	Washington and Sarah (Drake)	Groton, Arthur J. Hovey,
24 Nov. 14	Bertha E. Whitcomb	"	At home	Townsend	George L. and Emma (Wyeth)	Clergyman
25 Nov. 14	Frank W. Farrar	"	Paill Turner	Troy, N. H.	John L. and Ellen (Piper)	Ashby, Geo. S. Shaw,
26 Nov. 14	Clara M. Sheldon	Ashby	Teacher	Ashby	Wm. S. and Ella L. (Whittemore)	Pastor First Parish

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWNSEND FOR THE YEAR 1897.

No.	Date.	Names.	AGE.			Names of Parents.	Cause of Death.	Place of Birth.	Place of Burial.
			Years.	Months.	Days.				
1	Jan. 28	Lucy M. Simonds, wife of Charles J.	58	1		William and Susan (Holt) Frye	Progressive spinal paralysis	No. Andover	Townsend
2	Feb. 6	Rebecca Green, widow of Hosea	95	11	1	Solomon and Sarah (Hilton) Green	Old age and exhaustion	Townsend	Pepperell
3	Feb. 27	Adeline M. Hildreth, widow of Levi	84	7		Nathan and Hannah (Petts) Conant	Old age	"	Townsend
4	Feb. 27	Abel Adams	82	11		Jonathan and Ruth (Flagg) Adams	Heart disease	Farmington, Me.	"
5	Mar. 14	Albert Adams	68	6	22	Frederick and Eliza (Wetherbee) Adams	Blood poison	Groton	"
6	Mar. 14	Louise Stickney, widow of Augustus G.	83	2	17	David and Sarah (Harris) Wilson	Bright's disease	Hancock, N. H.	"
7	Mar. 15	Lucy A. Gates, widow of Christopher	69	9	23	Nathaniel F. and Lucy (Sanderson) Cummings	La grippe and exhaustion	Mason, N. H.	"
8	Mar. 21	Albert G. Patten	70			Joseph and Olive (Leads) Patten	Heart disease	Derry, N. H.	"
9	Mar. 29	Hannah E. Patch, widow of Edward J.	66	3	9	Isaac and Charlotte (Woods) Farley	Cancer followed by convulsions	Hollis, N. H.	Hollis, N. H.
10	Mar. 31	Alvah C. Banks	67	10		Joseph and Eunice (White) Banks	Pneumonia	Corinth, Vt.	Townsend
11	Apr. 5	Anson Spaulding	49	6	16	William and Abigail S. (Divoll) Spaulding	Pneumonia	Townsend	"
12	May 2	Harriet A. Sloan, wife of Samuel	68	11	26	Benjamin and Zuba (Searls) Crown	Pulmonary	"	"
13	May 3	Eli Adams	79	9	26	John and Mary (Russell) Adams	Cancer of lip	Grafton, Vt.	"
14	May 7	Susan M. Martin, wife of Stephen S.	78	9	21	Otis and Lucy M. (Goodwin) Winn	Apoplexy	York, Me.	"
15	May 10	Albert Freeman Parker				Levi T. and Flora L. (Keith) Parker	Heart disease	Townsend	"
16	May 25	Timothy Sullivan	28			Timothy and Bridget (Leary) Sullivan	Fracture of skull	Ireland	Pepperell
17	June 4	Lais Labounty	82			Not known	Salt rheum	Vermont	Fitchburg
18	June 4	William E. Sherrin,	50			Not known	Heart disease	England	Townsend
19	June 14	Amanda F. Eastman, wife of Julian W.	49	7	19	Brooks and Hannah (Spaulding) Adams	Phthisis	Townsend	"
20	June 18	James Gillis	82	6		George and Agnes (Mc'ullough) Gillis	Old age	Ireland	"
21	June 30	Edwin Streeter	69	1	17	Martin and Mary (Chaplin) Streeter	Bright's disease	Fitzwilliam, N. H.	"

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWNSEND FOR THE YEAR 1897.—Concluded.

Date.	Names.	AGE.			Names of Parents.	Cause of Death.	Place of Birth.	Place of Burial.
		Years.	Months.	Days.				
22 July 9	Katie Powers, wife of John Henry Tobin	26	6	11	Levi and Mary (Sullivan) Labounty	Peritonitis	Townsend	Pepperell
23 July 9	Henry Tobin		1	14	Henry and Alice Tobin	Marasmus	Boston	Townsend
24 July 23	James M. Wyman	72	2	18	Not known	Old age and gangrene	Townsend	"
25 July 31	Martha A. Tucker, widow of James N.	71	6	2	James and Leah (Shattuck) Davis	Apoplexy	"	"
26 Aug. 2	— Moulton				Charles E. and Mary (Burke) Moulton	Stillborn	"	"
27 Aug. 10	Fred M. Welch	23	10	25	Maurice C. and Mary L. (Buckley) Welch	Dogwood poison	"	Fitchburg
28 Aug. 14	Clara H. Aker	2	8	12	James S. and Clara A. (Wyman) Aker	Heart disease	"	Townsend
29 Aug. 18	Joseph C. Tenney	15	7	15	William H. and Maragrette M. (Thompson) Tenney	Peritonitis	"	"
30 Aug. 25	— Little		49		John and Sadie D. (Franklin) Little	Marasmus	Providence, R. I.	"
31 Aug. 28	Sara W. Maynard	2	4	18	Wallace L. and Maud A. (Davis) Maynard	Bright's disease	Townsend	"
32 Sept. 2	Katherine Deland, widow of William	81	5	1	Not known	Old age	Ireland	"
33 Sept. 5	Dexter Gigger	78			Josiah and Lucinda (Brown) Gigger	Consumption	Westboro	Gardner
34 Sept. 7	John Lawrence	77	11	19	Not known	Apoplexy	Groton	Groton
35 Sept. 29	Luther A. Wood	48	8	15	Addison and Lucy Z. Wood	La grippe	Pepperell	Pepperell
36 Oct. 7	Hiram Wyeth	65	8	27	Jonathan and Amy Wyeth	Consumption	Mason, N. H.	Townsend
37 Oct. 8	Henrietta B. Green	79	5	19	George H. and Polly (Baldwin) Green	Cancer of stomach	Pepperell	"
38 Oct. 9	William G. Hapgood	79	8	21	Isaac and Abigail (Green) Hapgood	Cystitis	Ashby	Ashby
39 Oct. 28	— Copeland { T'ns				Richard F. and Grace E. (Raymond) Copeland	Premature birth	Townsend	Townsend
40 Nov. 7	Albert Turner	84	11	27	Isaac and Abigail (Whiting) Turner	Chronic bronchitis	"	"
41 Nov. 9	— Blood				Arthur P. and Betsey J. (Hazzard) Blood	Stillborn	"	"
42 Nov. 19	Charles Davis	88	7		Rubin and Hannah (Walker) Davis	Old age and shock	Ashby	Ashby
43 Dec. 16	Samuel S. Haynes	75	11	12	Samuel and Sybil (Stone) Haynes	Bright's disease	Townsend	Townsend
44 Dec. 19	Phebe F. Sawyer, wife of Stillman	74	2	12	John and Sally (Frost) Wilson		Cambridge	"
45 Dec. 29	Samuel Seaver	83	10	23	Abraham and Lucy (Lawrence) Seever	Old age	Townsend	"

DEATHS REGISTERED BELOW ARE BODIES OF  
THOSE BROUGHT TO TOWN FOR BURIAL.

No.	Month.	Names.	Place of Death.
1	January	Abijah L. Wright	Pepperell
2	January	John G. Rines	Gardner
3	March	Sylvester Putney	Mason, N. H.
4	April	Bernice M. Farrer	Fitchburg
5	April	Bowman C. Nickerson	Sudbury
6	July	Charlotte P. Wallace	Nashua, N. H.
7	August	Joseph M. Gerrish	Woburn
8	August	Harriet N. Phipps	Saugus
9	November	Mary A. Whitney	Providence, R. I.
10	November	Mary J. Shattuck	Brookline, N. H.
11	December	John A. Brown	Providence, R. I.
12	December	Lydia C. Walker	Lexington



## REPORT ON DOG LICENSES.

Paid into the Treasury of Middlesex County on account of dog licenses, as per receipts of the Treasurer on file, two hundred and fifty-six dollars and twenty cents (\$256.20).

Number of dogs licensed	119
Males	105
Females	14
Amount received for licenses	\$280 00
Amount of fees (20 cents per license)	23 80
Paid County Treasurer, as per above statement	256 20
Ninety-six per cent. refunded	245 95

E. A. BLOOD, Town Clerk.

## OWNERS OR KEEPERS OF DOGS.

A list of names of the owners or keepers of dogs who have paid a license for the year beginning May 1, 1897, and ending May 1, 1898:

L. R. Richardson,	J. L. Farrar (2),	M. F. Richards,
E. T. Davis,	Gustaf Anderson,	J. S. Brown,
A. J. Atwood,	A. K. Tyler (2),	Charles Bohanon,
F. A. Patch (2),	A. J. Greenleaf,	E. G. Whitney,
S. R. Cook,	R. S. Cook,	Thos. H. Welch (2),
C. S. Homer (3),	C. T. McDormond,	E. M. Gilchrest (2),
A. E. Woodbury (2),	Alexander Reed,	E. L. Wyman,
F. G. Hamilton,	Austin Allen,	Austin W. Winn,
W. Z. Sherwin,	C. B. Stickney,	G. C. Jennerson,
E. G. Wilson,	L. S. Searis.	Warren Kemp,
M. C. Welch,	H. L. Allen,	J. E. Hapgood,
G. H. Tenney,	E. W. Chapman,	C. A. Warren,
H. F. Greene,	Joseph Searls,	S. M. Farrar (2),
R. G. Richards,	E. R. Cook,	James Doran,
A. D. Cooper,	A. J. Hatch,	S. H. Scales,



L. W. Stearns,	E. J. Wyeth,	H. M. Cady,
L. E. Scales,	Louis Labounty,	H. L. Whitcomb,
J. L. Piper,	T. J. Smith,	F. H. Warren,
T. H. Holland,	W. T. O'Brien,	G. L. Whitcomb,
H. B. Boynton,	Fred Worden,	G. A. Proctor,
Myra Gardner,	F. D. Parsons,	A. F. Swinerton,
D. Campbell,	G. A. Seaver,	F. F. Barber,
J. S. Cook,	D. F. Fletcher,	F. S. Wright (3),
E. C. Tuttle (2),	Albert Flagg,	T. T. Goodwin,
T. E. Flarity,	G. E. King,	J. E. Powell,
G. W. Bennett,	D. A. Fletcher,	F. A. Greenleaf,
M. J. Hildreth,	A. C. Josselyn,	H. E. Kemp,
D. J. Coffey,	Willie Coffey,	R. D. Kaddy,
A. H. Rice (2),	S. E. Stickney,	T. M. Copeland,
C. M. Proctor,	F. R. Farrar,	W. S. Bowker,
Jerry Donovan (2),	W. H. Tenney,	H. E. Hobart,
J. S. Dustin,	W. M. Flagg,	J. S. Blood,
Daniel Brogan,	W. S. Brown,	W. A. Russell,
N. H. Ripley,	D. T. Spofford,	G. H. Brackett,
Melvin Davis,	Mark McHugh,	S. M. Hannaford,
J. J. Morse,	W. S. Dudley.	

# REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TOWNSEND PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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## *To the Town of Townsend:*

Miss F. J. Worcester, as librarian, and Mrs. F. M. Warren, as associate, have continued their work in the library the past year.

The following pamphlets and books donated have been bound :

Name.	Donor.	No.
Frost, John. History of the State of California.	Oliver Proctor.	C358
Arena. Vol. 7.	A Friend.	H625
Cosmopolitan. Vols. 12-17.	"	H628-H633
Forum. Vol. 18.	"	H640
Harper's. Vols. 10, 14, 16, 17, 52, 53.		H641-H646
St. Nicholas. Vols. 4, 12, 15, 23, 24.		
	Mrs. A. D. Fessenden	H663-H671

The following books have this year been presented to the library:

Name.	Donor.	No.
Bodge, Geo. M. Soldiers in King Philip's War.	Geo. M. Bodge.	C355
Pierce, F. C. Whitney Genealogy.	Whitney Bros. of Winchester.	C359
Acts and Resolves of Mass., 1897.	Commonwealth of Mass.	H616
Agriculture of Mass., 1878-79.	" "	H617
" " 1888.	" "	H618
" " 1889.	" "	H619
Agriculture Department of 1876.	" "	H620
" " 1888.	" "	H621
Agriculture Secretary of 1890.	" "	H622

Name.	Donor.	No.
Agriculture Secretary of 1893.	Commonwealth of Mass.	H623
Agriculture Year Book of 1894.	" "	H624
Census of Mass., 1895.	" " H626-H627	
Cummings, A. J. Geography.	A Friend.	H634
Eddy, Mrs. M. G. B. Science and Health with Hey to the Scriptures.	"	H634½
Education, Report of Commissioner, 1894-95. Vol. 1.	Commonwealth of Mass.	H635
Education, Report of Commissioner, 1894-5. Vol. 2.	" "	H636
Education, Report of Commissioner, 1895-96. Vol. 1.	" "	H637
Education, 60th Annual Report, 1895- 96.	" "	H638
Fitchburg, Manual of City Govern- ment, 1897.	City of Fitchburg	H639
Interstate Commerce Commission, 10th Annual Report, 1896.	Commonwealth of Mass.	H647
Laws and Resolves of Massachusetts, 1788-89.	" "	H649
Laws and Resolves of Massachusetts, 1796-97.	" "	H650
Laws and Resolves of Massachusetts, 1798-99.	" "	H651
Lees, F. R. The Temperance Bible Commentary.	A Friend.	H652
Moore, Humphrey. Treatise on the Divine Nature.	I. B. Sawtelle.	H654
Norton, Andrew. Statement of Rea- sons.	" "	H655
Massachusetts, Supplement to Public Statutes of.	Commonwealth of Mass.	H656
Stevens, John. Incidents of Travel in Central America Chiapas and Yucatan.	A Friend.	F192
Swift, R. B. Who Invented the Reaper?	"	H673

## REFERENCE BOOKS.

Anderson, John. History of the 57th Mass. Volunteers.	Commonwealth of Mass.	50
Catalogue of Mass. State Library.	" "	51

Name.	Donor.	No.
Durrie, D. S. Index to American Genealogies.	I. B. Sawtelle.	52
Higginson, T. W. Mass. in the Army and Navy, 1861-1865. Vol. 1. Commonwealth of Mass.		53
Higginson, T. W. Mass. in the Army and Navy, 1861-1865. Vol. 2.	" "	54
Mass. Soldiers and Sailors of the American Revolution. Vol. 1.	" "	55
Mass. Soldiers and Sailors of the American Revolution. Vol. 2.	" "	56
Scott, R. N. War of the Rebellion. Official Record of the Union and Confederate Armies.	" "	58

The following books have been purchased :

Name.	No.
Adams, Oscar F. The Story of Jane Austen's Life.	B291
Brown, Alice. Mercy Warren.	B292
Clough, A. H. Plutarch's Lives. 5 vols.	B293-B297
Fields, Annie T. Authors and Friends.	B298
Fitch, Sir Joshua. Thomas and Matthew Arnold.	B299
Guild, Curtis. A Chat about Celebrities.	B300
Mann, Mrs. Life of Horace Mann.	B301
Nesmith, J. E. Frederic T. Greenhalge.	B302
Phelps, Elizabeth Stuart. Chapters from a Life.	B303
Wharton, A. H. Martha Washington.	B304
Filian, Geo. H. Armenia and Her People.	C356
Ford, A. E. History of the Origin of Clinton.	C357
Shaler, N. S. United States of America. 2 vols.	C360-C361
Allen, James L. Summer in Arcady.	D799
" " The Choir Invisible.	D800
Barr, Amelia. Prisoners of Conscience.	D801
Barrie, J. M. Sentimental Tommy.	D802
Bellamy, Edward. Equality.	D803
Black, William. Briseis.	D804
" " In Far Lochaber.	D805
" " Macleod of Dare.	D806
" " White Heather.	D807
Caine, Hall. The Christian.	D808
Crawford, F. Marion. Don Orsino.	D809
" " Marzio's Crucifix.	D810

	Name.	No.
Crawford, F. Marion.	Sant' Ilario.	D811
"	"	D812
"	Saracinesca.	D813
"	Taquisara. Vol. 1.	D814
"	" Vol. 2.	D815
Crockett, S. R.	Lad's Love.	D816
"	"	D817
"	The Lilac Sunbonnet.	D817½
Davis, Richard H.	Soldiers of Fortune.	D818
Dumas, Alexander.	Margaret De Valois.	D819
Ebers, George.	Barbara Blomberg. Vol. 1.	D820
"	" Vol. 2.	D821
Field, Eugene.	A Little Book of Profitable Tales.	D822
"	"	D823
"	Second Book of Tales.	D824
"	"	D825
"	The Holy Cross, and Other Tales.	D826
"	"	D827
"	The House.	D828
"	"	D829
"	The Love Affairs of a Bibliomaniac.	D830
Ford, P. L.	The Hon. Peter Sterling.	D831
Hart, Bret.	In a Hollow of the Hill.	D832
Henty, G. A.	In Freedom's Cause.	D833
"	"	D834
"	The Lion of St. Mark.	D835
"	"	D836
"	Under Drake's Flag.	D837
Howells, W. D.	The Landlord at Lion's Head.	E108
Jewett, S. O.	Old Friends and New.	E109
"	"	E110
"	Tales of New England.	E111
"	"	E112
"	The Country of the Pointed Firs.	E113
King, Capt. Charles.	A Garrison Tangle.	E114
Stockton, F. R.	A Story Teller's Pack.	E115
Ward, Mrs. Humphrey.	Sir Geo. Tressady. Vol. 1.	E116
"	" Vol. 2.	E117
Arnold, Matthew.	Poetical Works.	E118
Field, Eugene and Roswell.	Echoes from a Sabine Farm.	E119
"	"	E120
"	Love Songs of Childhood.	E121
"	"	E122
"	Songs and Other Verses.	E123
"	"	E124
"	With Trumpet and Drum.	E125
Hordern, P.	Macaulay's Lays of Ancient Rome.	E126
Riley, James Whitcomb.	A Child World.	E127
"	"	E128
"	"	E129
"	Afterwhiles.	E130
"	"	E131
"	Old-Fashioned Roses.	E132
"	"	E133
"	Pipes o' Pan at Zekesbury.	E134
"	"	E135
"	Poems Here at Home.	E136
Stevenson, R. L.	A Child's Garden of Verses.	E137
Hartwig, Dr. G.	The Polar and Tropical Worlds.	F190
Klondike.		F190½

Stevenson, R. L.	Travels with a Donkey.	F191
Alcott, L. M.	A Garland for Girls.	G499
“ “	A Modern Mephistopheles.	G500
“ “	Comic Tragedies.	G501
Alger, Horatio.	Victor Vane.	G502
Burnett, F. H.	Giovanni and the Other.	G503
“ “	Piccino and other Child's Stories.	G504
Brooks, Noah.	The Boy Settlers.	G505
Butterworth, H.	The Wampum Belt.	G506
Harris, J. C.	The Story of Aaron.	G507
Kipling, Rudyard.	Soldier Stories.	G508
Lang, Andrew.	The Blue Fairy Book.	G509
“ “	The Red Fairy Book.	G510
Martin, Marion.	Yellow Beauty.	G511
Perry, Nora.	Three Little Daughters of the Revolution.	G512
Stowe, H. B.	Stories for the Young.	G513
Wiggin, K. D.	Marm Lisa.	G514
Wilkins, Mary E.	Comfort Pease and Her Gold Ring.	G515
Jameson, Mrs.	Legends of the Madonna.	H648
Marden, O. S.	Architects of Fate.	H653
Oliphant, Mrs.	The Makers of Florence.	H657
“ “	The Makers of Venice.	H658
Parkhurst, C. H.	Talks to Young Women.	H659
Salmon, L. M.	Domestic Service.	H660
Shedd, J. A.	Famous Painters and Paintings.	H661
“ “	Famous Sculptors and Sculpture.	H662
Whipple, E. P.	Essays and Reviews. Vol. 1.	H673
“ “	“ Vol. 2.	H674

## REFERENCE BOOKS.

Adams, O. F.	A Dictionary of American Authors.	49
Roget, P. M.	Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases.	57

The whole number of books catalogued is 3417—98 of these being duplicates.

A few books are on hand not yet catalogued.

The circulation has been 5008.

The following magazines and papers have been subscribed for the reading table: Century, Review of Reviews, New England, Bookman, McClure's, Cosmopolitan, Munsey, Education, St. Nicholas, Household, Youth's Companion and New York Times (Saturday edition).



The following magazines and papers have been contributed :

Name.	Donor.
Donahoe's,	Miss B. M. Griffin.
Union Signal,	W. C. T. U. of Townsend.
Woman's Journal,	Publisher.
Fitchburg Daily Sentinel,	(Loaned by Board of Trade).

The teachers of the public schools, particularly of the High School, have availed themselves of special privileges granted them in the use of books.

Those having the care of the library would take this opportunity to thank its patrons and friends for their co-operation in making it more useful to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVER PROCTOR,  
E. R. KILBOURN,  
FRANCES J. WORCESTER,

Board of Trustees.

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## REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

DR.

To cash on hand March 1, 1897	\$6 20	
Received amount of dog license re-		
funded, 1896	259 92	
Received for cards and fines	16 35	
Received for catalogues and supple-		
ments	2 39	
Received for books, of Mrs. Warren	5 34	
	<hr/>	\$290 11

## CR.

Paid binding books and magazines	\$24 15	
for books for library	121 87	
for magazines and papers for reading room	22 30	
for printing	4 40	
for express and carting	2 40	
for stationary, postage and money orders	1 89	
for mucilage, glue, etc.	76	
expense of picture of Memorial Hall, sent to Library Com- mission	50	
F. L. Spring, work on bulletin board	2 25	
E. L. Winn, work on bulletin board	2 50	
F. L. Willoughby, work on clock	2 00	
A. D. Fessenden, moving safe	8 00	
salary of Librarian	75 00	
extra work for library	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$273 02
Cash on hand March 1, 1898		17 09
		<hr/>
		\$290 11
Amount of Charles Emery fund	\$500 00	
Amount of interest due March 1, 1898	\$22 00	

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. KILBOURN, Treasurer.

# SCHOOL REPORT.

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## COMMITTEE FOR 1897-8.

E. A. Blood,	L. G. Chandler,	H. B. Hildreth,
C. E. Streeter,	J. W. Eastman,	E. C. Tuttle,
G. L. Whitcomb,	Alexander Reed,	G. A. Wilder.

In many respects the school year just closed has brought results fully as gratifying as those of its predecessors. In others there might have been improvement. The disruption of the former superintendency district, composed of Pepperell, Townsend and Ashby, by the withdrawal of Pepperell, interfered somewhat with a satisfactory administration of school affairs in Townsend. The formation of the present district, composed of the towns of Ashby and Townsend, was accomplished after strenuous and persistent efforts by the School Committee to secure the passage by the Legislature of a special act authorizing the new district.

In this relation acknowledgments are due Mr. James Lawrence, of Groton, who then represented this district. Without his efficient efforts the bill could not have become a law, as the time for the introduction of new bills had long passed when this subject came up for consideration.

The failure of Townsend to promptly sanction the formation of the new district will curtail its receipts from the State this year, on account of District Superintendents' Salary Fund, at least \$75.00, possibly more. But this will not materially effect the finances of this year, because the committee performed the duties of a superintendent, with-

out compensation, during the month of September, when we had no superintendent.

Careful attention is directed to the statistical table attached to this report. A falling off of twelve in the total enrollment of pupils is noted, but the average membership and attendance have both improved. There is a gratifying improvement in the number of instances of tardiness and dismissals, as compared with the preceding year, but the aggregate loss is still far too great, while the total loss by reason of absences is simply startling. A candid, business-like consideration by parents and taxpayers is asked for the remarks on this subject by the superintendent, in his report attached hereto. Can we afford it? Can't we lessen this wasteful loss during the year just opening?

Owing to the inequality of environment and other varying circumstances attending the efforts of individual pupils and schools, the committee and the superintendent have concluded it wise to discontinue publishing names of pupils neither absent, tardy nor dismissed during the year. The pupil residing a mile or more from his school house manifestly labors under a disadvantage in contending with one living within a stone's throw of his school room.

At the end of the school year diplomas were granted to Ardelle Mary Hinds and George Harry Rowley, and a post-graduate diploma to Annie Rebecca Copeland.

The subject of teachers' salaries has become of paramount importance in New England school affairs. Much more is required of teachers in Massachusetts now than formerly. It costs them materially more, in time and money, to fit themselves to meet the added requirements of the State authorities, consequently the State holds that salaries should be increased proportionately, and is constantly legislating along that line. More must be paid for a well qualified teacher today than was demanded even three years ago. Therefore the small towns, while equally desiring the best teachers, are often handicapped by com-

petition with larger, wealthier towns and cities. Townsend must continue to be counted among the handicapped towns, unless its taxpayers are willing to increase the customary appropriation for salary of teachers. During the last two years the committee has managed to keep the graded schools in session 36 weeks each year, six weeks longer than the law actually requires, and the High School, 40 weeks, as the law requires. This can't be done in 1898-9 unless the appropriation for salaries is augmented, and the graded schools must sustain the loss.

The retiring members of the committee, this year, are Messrs. Blood, Streeter and Whitcomb, whose successors are to be elected April 4.

The administration of school finances during the past year, and their condition at its close, are set forth in the financial report of the committee secretary, which is made a part of this report.

L. G. CHANDLER, Chairman.

E. C. TUTTLE, Secretary.

TOWNSEND, March 1, 1898.

# REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

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*To the School Committee of Townsend:*

The following report for the school year ending March 1st, 1898, is presented for your consideration.

The statistical matter herein contained has been compiled with much care from the school registers, from previous reports to the town and from the annual reports of the State Board of Education.

The items immediately following relate to the schools as a whole for four years, and are inserted for comparison and future reference. The details for each school for the year just ended are given in the table annexed to this report.

Population of the town in 1890				1750
“ “ “ 1895				1780
Valuation of the town in 1894				\$1,118,966
“ “ “ 1895				1,120,693
“ “ “ 1896				1,113,905
“ “ “ 1897				1,107,910
	1894-5	1895-6	1896-7	1897-
No. of children in town between the ages of 5 and 15 years, reported May 1st	233	313	320	281
No. of children in town between the ages of 8 and 14 years, reported May 1st	185	214	297	205
No. of different pupils of all ages enrolled in the schools	328	348	332	320



	1894-5	1895-6	1896-7	1897-8
No. of different pupils between the ages of 8 and 14 years enrolled	195	214	297	189
Average membership	282	295	264	267
Per cent. of attendance	92	93	93	93

Town's share of State school fund, paid Jan. 25,				
1895				\$216.07
"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	1896 235.35
"	"	"	"	1897 262.57
"	"	"	"	1898 281.28

My term of service in this district began in October, and has included about one-half the school year. Results of the effective work of former superintendents were at once apparent, and the purpose has been to continue along the same lines and carry on the work which they began with no more modifications than seemed to be demanded by changed conditions in the schools.

Nine schools have been in session. The High school has forty weeks in the year, and the others have thirty-six. At the Center there are now three grades in the Primary school, two in the Intermediate, and three in the Grammar. At West Townsend there are four grades in the Primary and four in the Grammar. In the other schools there are four grades at the North Center, six at the Harbor and four at the North End school.

#### TEACHERS.

Fourteen different teachers have been employed besides the special teachers in music and drawing. Six taught through the year in the same schools. Two teachers are graduates of normal schools, and six others have had a long and successful experience.

## STUDIES.

This town is fortunate in its High school. The courses of study are ample, the spirit is excellent and the standard is high. If this standard is to be maintained there must be a corresponding spirit and a relatively high standard in the lower grades. No pupil can successfully complete any one of the courses of the High school without an adequate preparation in the elementary studies. Such a preparation requires the undivided attention and the closest application of the pupil. It has been well said that the first and chief business of the boy or girl during school life is *school*. Many things, excellent in themselves and eminently proper in their place, must be deferred during school days until a more convenient time.

It is the aim to have the work in the outside schools equivalent to that of the corresponding grades in the Center schools, and to have that instruction given in all the schools which shall be of the greatest value to the children, such as will fit them for the high school, if they choose to enter it, or will give them a preparation for the ordinary business of life, if they drop out before reaching the high school.

Music and drawing have been taught in all the schools, and attention is called to the reports of the special teachers of these branches and of the principal of the High school given herewith.

## REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL.

The High school records show the whole number of pupils in school during the year to be fifty; withdrawals during the year, seventeen; graduates three, with the return of two for post graduate study; present membership, therefore, thirty-two. Of the pupils now in school, three are seniors, eight are juniors, eight sophomores, ten freshmen, two post graduates, and there is one special student. In respect to the courses pursued, six pupils are doing the

work of the classical course; eighteen, that of the commercial course; four, that of the English course; three, that of the scientific course; one student is pursuing a special course.

The aim underlying the school-work has been to show clearly the value of faithful, earnest work; its value as a means of acquiring, not only knowledge, but especially habits of mental and moral discipline, which form such an important factor in the building of character. The point emphasized in the mental training of the school has been the development of the ability to think independently, clearly, and logically, and to express such thoughts in clear and concise English.

Respectfully submitted,

AMY S. LANE, Principal.

#### REPORT OF TEACHER OF MUSIC.

Last September I entered upon my work in Townsend teaching music. One lesson was given each week in all the schools except that on Townsend Hill, where only one lesson a month was given.

My visits in the different schools have been very pleasant. Teachers and pupils have taken up the study with much interest, and gratifying progress has been made. The work in the fall was somewhat handicapped by lack of material, but later some charts were furnished by the committee. I am glad of the opportunity of thanking those who so kindly assisted me at that time.

Suitable music readers for two of the schools are still much needed and I hope they may soon be supplied. The pupils in some of the schools have been so much interested that they have borne, to a large extent, the expense of music in their rooms where there was great need of suitable material. The results have shown that they deserve to have their efforts acknowledged.

A glee club of nearly twenty members has been formed in the High school and the members meet for practice every Monday after school hours. This is a pleasant and helpful feature and gives us encouragement regarding the future prosperity of music in this town.

Finally and chiefly, we aim to secure tuneful singing by our pupils and try to make up in quality what may be lacking in quantity in these our early attempts in the art of music.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE MAY LAIRD.

#### REPORT OF TEACHER OF DRAWING.

The aim of education is an all-round development of man, and drawing should occupy an important place among other studies. We do not expect or wish to make an artist of every child, but to teach him to see form and color correctly, to enable him to express what he sees, and to see and feel the beauty around him, so that each child will be able to be happier, nobler, and wiser by the study.

The work has followed the "outline" as given in the "State Course" by Mr. Henry T. Bailey, although the details have not been carried out, as the drawing in Townsend is not yet up to grade.

The work has been divided thus :

*Enrichment*—Color.

Elements of ornament.

Decorative design { Decorative treatment,  
Conventional treatment.

*Appearance*—Perspective elements.

Pictorial drawing { Single objects,  
Groups.

*Structure*—Elements of form { Type solids,  
Geometric figures.

Elements of beauty.

Structural design.

	NATURE.	COLOR.	DESIGN.	GEOMETRY.	MODEL DRAWING.	MEASUREMENTS.	PROJECTION.	DEVELOPMENT.
Grade I and II.	Drawing of grasses, expressed by lead and colored pencils. Decorative arrangements.	Six standard colors.	Borders, using flowers. Illustrations.	Solids, } sphere, cylinder, cube. Bi-sections of above.	Planes.	1 to 4 inches.		
Grade I, II, III.	Same as Grade I.	Tints and shades of standard colors.	Surface, using flowers. Illustrations.	Ovoid, cone, sq. pyramid.	Planes.	$\frac{1}{2}$ inch. $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.		
Grade IV and V.	Grasses, sprays, expressed by lead and colored pencils. Decorative arrangements.	Tints and shades of standard colors. Harmony.	Surface, using flowers. Historic.		Fore-shortening of circle. Objects. Groups.	1-16 inch.	Two views.	Cube. Approximate of cube.
Grade VI.	Leaves, sprays, and wild plants, expressed by lead and colored pencils. Decorative arrangements.	Tints and shades of standard colors. Analogous harmony. Analysis of color schemes.	Surface, using flowers. Historic.		Same as Grade V and VI	1-16 inch.	Two views.	Sq. prism. Approximate of sq. prism.
Grade VII and VIII.	Sprays, leaves and flowers, expressed by lead and colored pencils. Decorative arrangements.	Tints and shades of standard colors. Harmony. Analysis of color schemes.	Design. Border. Surface. Original. Historic.		Convergence. Parallels treating at equal and unequal angles.	Review-Scale drawing.	Three views.	Same as Grade VI.
High school.	Drawing of sprays, seed pods and flowers. Decorative arrangements.	Tints and shades of standard colors. Harmonies. Analysis of color schemes.	Design. Historic. Original.		Same as Grade VII. Groups.	Review-Scale drawing.	Three views.	Sq. pyramid. Frustum of sq. pyramid.

MECHANICAL DRAWING.

High School.—Geometry, Projection, Developments, Machine Drawing.

There is one hour a week given to drawing in each grade and the work commenced in September with the study of plant form.

In all the schools we have occasionally drawn from the figure, using different children as models, for interest and stimulation. The work in appearance, particularly in the High school, would be greatly aided by the purchase of a few dollars worth of bric-a-brac.

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY L. HAINES.

#### ATTENDANCE.

Teachers are now required to keep an accurate account of the time lost by each pupil by reason of being tardy at the beginning of any session, or being excused before the close. With the exception of the first part of the fall term in the grammar school, this record is complete for the year, and there was a loss of three hundred and eighty hours, or seventy-six days of five hours each. The whole number of days lost by absence during the year in all the schools is 2510. Add to this number the 76 days lost by reason of tardiness and dismissal and we have 2586 days of lost time, or more than one-twentieth of the school year. In some cases this absence was owing to sickness or to the condition of the roads, but it was largely due to other causes. This irregularity of attendance is a serious injury to the work of the whole school and calls for a remedy. Nothing less than sickness or some emergency should be allowed to detain a child from school. The positive requirement, thoroughly enforced, that a boy or girl shall attend school every session of the term at the appointed time and be ready promptly for each exercise assigned, is the best of discipline. The cost of schools in this town is something over ten cents a day for each pupil, and for these 2586 days of absence there is an expense of \$258.60, for which no value is received by any one.



This matter is largely in the power of the parents, and their earnest co-operation in all efforts made for securing better attendance is requested.

### HOME AND SCHOOL.

Education at its best must have a moral basis, but the chief responsibility for the moral training of the young does not rest upon the school. The home, the church and civil society are partners with the school in this work. The home is first. In it are the beginnings of character formation, which in a large measure foreshadow the future of the child.

The value of a child's school days is frequently determined by influences wholly outside the school. School life is largely what the home life is in respect to habits and behavior. If the pupil is studious and faithful in school, we know that he has been trained in these duties at home. If he is disorderly or disobedient, we at once ask about the conduct of this child in the family life. The public school does have and always has had a moral power, but it cannot do the work of the home or the church. The evening life of pupils on the streets of a village will often neutralize the power of the best teacher. The reading of books and papers of a questionable character has often made of no effect the best efforts of church and school and Sunday school. These influences which often touch the life of the child are not to any great extent in control of the school—they are in the control of the homes and the community.

The school has its part and must do its work, and there must be a sympathetic and harmonious union of the efforts of all who have at heart the welfare of the children, if we secure for them that education of mind and heart which is theirs by right of heritage.



## COST OF SUPERVISION.

The joint committee of the district directed that three-fifths of the time of the superintendent should be given to Townsend and two-fifths to Ashby. By this apportionment this town will pay three-fifths of the salary, or \$900, and will receive back from the state \$750, leaving the cost of supervision at \$150 for Townsend.

The cordial support of your committee and the faithfulness and cheerful co-operation of the teachers have been fully appreciated and are hereby gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

JUSTUS DARTT.

March 1, 1898.

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TRUANT OFFICER'S REPORT.

*To the School Committee:*

GENTLEMEN:—I have responded to four calls from the Superintendent during the year just closed, and so far as I know, the truant laws of the State have been faithfully enforced.

M. O'BRIEN, Truant Officer.

TOWNSEND, March 1, 1898.

# SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1898.

TEACHERS.	SCHOOLS.	GRADES.	Total number enrolled.		Average membership.	Average attendance.	Per cent. of attendance.	Pupils over 15 years.	Pupils between 8 and 14 years.	Number of instances of tardiness.	Number of dismissals.	Time lost by tardiness and dismissals.		Number of days of absence.	Not absent, tardy, or dismissed.		
			Boys.	Girls.								Hrs.	Min.		Spring.	Fall.	Winter.
Amy S. Lane, { Mabel F. Rand, { Florence A. Richards, { Bertha M. Dempsey, { L. Ellen Brown, { Abby C. Kilbourn, { Lottie A. Tower, { Alice F. Tyler, { Ida A. Hartwell, { M. Elizabeth Adams, { Clara A. Craig, { Adelaide L. Prime, { Edith A. Barber, { Annie R. Copeland, {	High,		17	21	34.45	90.4	95.87	41	9	96	52	142	35	205	8	8	1
	Center Grammar,	VI, VII, VIII.	26	22	57.23	54.57	95.45	9	30	77	26	53	54	493	8	10	12
	Center Intermediate,	IV, V.	16	14	24.09	22.56	93.64		36	28	21	36	40	242	4	3	1
	Center Primary,	I, II, III.	17	22	27.07	25.47	94.08		17	43	23	26	35	241	6	5	1
	West Grammar,	V, VI, VII, VIII,	16	17	32.05	30.11	93.91	4	29	10	33	26	40	256	8	4	9
	West Primary,	I, II, III, IV.	18	14	25.49	23.29	91.37		18	26	12	19	40	345	6	2	
	North Center,	I, II, III, V, VI.	25	21	27.98	25.27	90.33		32	29	12	30	20	323	11	5	2
	Harbor,	I, II, III, IV, VI, VII.	20	24	30.33	27.76	91.42		29	14	38	26	10	281	11	9	4
	North End,	I, III, V, VIII.	4	6	8.80	7.20	81.90		5	9	20	17	30	124	4	1	4
Totals,			159	161	267.49	249.27	93.12	54	205	332	237	380	4	2510	66	47	34
Totals from last report,			160	172	264.24	246.44	93.52			436	316			58	63	24	

# SCHOOL FINANCES.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE SECRETARY FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1898.

It will be observed that the Winter term closed this year with the financial year of the town. Last year the term in the graded schools extended to March 19, and that of the High school to April 2, and the salaries of teachers for the entire term were included in last year's report. This wise change makes possible a better financial showing this year, but somewhat at the expense of next year's operations. The teachers' payroll now aggregates \$447 per month, or nearly \$4,500 per year. The town has, heretofore, appropriated \$3,500 to meet this annual expenditure, while the outlay has actually exceeded that amount by several hundred dollars.

This excess has been covered by applying funds received from the Commonwealth, from town appropriations for the superintendent's salary, and from balances saved from various other sources. This application accounts for the fact that the committee has been unable to refund to the town the excess of appropriations for the superintendents' salary. In other words, the appropriations for the superintendents have been used to cover deficiencies in the appropriations for teachers' salaries. The result, of course, is the same, and if well understood by the taxpayers is satisfactory to their servants, the committee. Still, it would be more businesslike and less complicated, to make the appropriations for teachers' salaries fit the payroll.

Expenses for unavoidable repairs this year have been un-

usually heavy. To preserve the buildings it became necessary to entirely re-roof the Harbor building, which cost \$71.89, and to renew one half of the roof on the North End building, costing \$51.57. The grading of the West Townsend school yard, painting of the fence there, with other incidental repairs and improvements, has necessitated quite an outlay, and so has several long-needed improvements in the sanitary condition of the buildings at the central village. The gutters of the Center building were found last Fall to be in a decaying condition, and temporarily patched up. Permanent repairs will have to be made there this Spring, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$100. But, aside from this, no other similar outlay for 1898-9 is in sight. With this single exception all the nine school buildings of the town are in good condition.

Following is a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of the school year ending March 1:

*Teachers' Salary Fund.*

RECEIVED.

Town appropriation, April 5, 1897,	\$3500 00	
Unexpended balance from last year,	9 80	
State, for tuition of resident State wards,	56 00	
Superintendents' Salary Fund, account of 1896, not applied last year,	157 12	
Superintendents' Salary Fund, account of 1897,	157 12	
	<hr/>	\$3880 04

DISBURSED.

Amy S. Lane, High School,	\$442 00
Mabel F. Rand, High School,	400 80
Florence A. Richards, Center Grammar,	92 00

Bertha M. Dempsey, Center Grammar,	\$72 00	
L. Ellen Brown, Center Grammar,	200 00	
Abby C. Kilbourn, Center Intermediate,	290 50	
Lottie A. Tower, Center Primary,	290 50	
Clara A. Craig, North Center,	290 50	
Alice F. Tyler, West Grammar,	87 40	
Ida A. Hartwell, West Grammar,	228 00	
M. Elizabeth Adams, West Primary,	290 50	
Adelaide L. Prime, Harbor,	273 90	
Edith A. Barber, North End,	64 40	
Annie R. Copeland, North End,	150 00	
Kate Chaffin, Music,	24 50	
Alice M. Laird, Music,	68 00	
Emma F. Chaffin, Drawing,	24 50	
Emily L. Haines, Drawing, and assistant in Center Grammar,	216 00	
	<hr/>	\$3505 50
Balance on hand March 1, 1898,		<hr/> \$374 54

*Superintendent's Salary Fund.*

RECEIVED.

Balance on hand March 1, 1897,	\$434 48	
Town appropriation, April 5, 1897,	240 00	
State, July 8, 1897,	392 80	
Town appropriation, Sept. 20, 1897,	350 00	
	<hr/>	\$1417 28

DISBURSED.

Applied March 1, 1897, to teachers' salaries, account of 1896,	\$157 12	
Louis A. Pratt, balance of salary to July 1, four months,	188 53	
A. C. McNeil, care books and supplies, eight weeks,	6 00	

Justus Dartt, salary to date,	\$405 00	
Applied March 1, 1898, to teachers' salaries, account of 1897,	157 12	
To become due July 1, 1898	360 00	
	<hr/>	\$1273 77
Balance on hand, March 1, 1898,		<hr/> \$143 51

*Massachusetts School Fund.*

## RECEIVED.

Balance from last year,	\$16 70	
Income from present year,	281 28	
Applied from final balances last year,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$307 98

## DISBURSED.

E. C. Tuttle, salary as secretary, January 1 to April 1, 1897,	\$10 00	
Townsend portion of Superintendent's District expenses,	18 00	
Telephone charges,	95	
M. O'Brien, Truant Officer, 1897-8,	4 00	
H. H. Wyman, conveyance of pupils,	10 80	
J. L. Hildreth, moving supplies, etc.,	2 50	
Alice Floyd, care North Center building,	4 20	
J. F. Thompson, fuel, West Townsend, account 1896,	65 25	
	<hr/>	\$115 70
Balance on hand, March 1, 1898,		<hr/> \$192 28

*Incidental Account.*

## RECEIVED.

Town appropriation for books, supplies, care of buildings, fuel, repairs and conveyance of pupils,	\$1500 00
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## DISBURSED.

Books,	\$222 05
Supplies,	210 59

<i>Care of Buildings</i> —Center, \$161.64; West Townsend, \$77.64; Harbor, \$17; North Center, \$16; North End, \$17.25; of which total, \$20.70 covered bills of 1896-7, making this year's aggregate,	268 83
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<i>Fuel</i> —Center, \$116.77; West Townsend, \$134.25; North Center, \$13.88; North End, \$16.25; Harbor, \$11; of which \$65.25 covers a West Townsend bill of 1896, making this year's aggregate,	225 90
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<i>Repairs</i> —Center, \$32.11; West Townsend, \$31.81; North Center, \$2.25; North End, shingling, \$51.57; Harbor, including shingling, \$76.32; H. B. Hildreth, 2 years' service on repairs committee, \$10,	204 06
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<i>Conveyance of Pupils</i> —Dixon District, \$78; Joslinville, \$27.50; Bayberry Hill, \$78; Old City, \$77.05; Caper Corner, \$20.50; Town Farm District, \$80.50.	361 55
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\$1492 88
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Balance on hand, March 1, 1898,	\$7 02
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*Seminary Hall Fund.*

## RECEIVED.

Balance on hand, March 1, 1897,	\$27 14	
Rent of hall, 1897-8,	49 25	
	<hr/>	\$76 39

## DISBURSED.

E. W. Chapman, care of hall,		\$29 00
Balance on hand, March 1, 1898,		<hr/>
		\$47 39

*Miscellaneous Fund.*

## RECEIVED.

Balance on hand, March 1, 1897,	\$11 89	
Tuition of foreign pupils,	34 00	
	<hr/>	\$45 89

## DISBURSED.

H. B. Hildreth, conveyance of drawing teacher,		\$16 75
Balance on hand, March 1, 1898,		<hr/>
		\$29 14

*Recapitulation.*

## TOTAL RECEIPTS.

Massachusetts School Fund, including balance from last year,	\$297 98
Superintendent's Salary Fund, including balance from last year,	1417 28
Town appropriation for books, supplies, care of buildings, fuel, and conveyance of pupils,	1500 00
Town appropriation for teachers' salaries,	3500 00

Unexpended balance from Teachers' Salary Fund, 1896-7	\$9 80	
Seminary Hall rentals, including balance from last year,	76 89	
Tuition of foreign pupils,	34 00	
State, for tuition of resident State wards,	56 00	
Balance in Miscellaneous Fund last year,	11 89	
	<hr/>	\$6903 84

## TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.

Teachers' salaries to March 1, 1898,	\$3505 50	
Superintendents' salary, March 1, 1897, to July 1, 1898,	959 53	
Massachusetts School Fund,	105 76	
Books,	222 05	
Supplies,	210 59	
Care of buildings,	268 83	
Fuel,	225 90	
Repairs,	204 06	
Conveyance of pupils,	361 55	
Seminary Hall, care of,	29 00	
Conveyance of drawing teacher,	16 75	
	<hr/>	\$6109 46
Unexpended balance, March 1, 1898,		794 38

## BALANCES ON HAND.

Teachers' Salary Fund,	\$374 54	
Mass. School Fund.	192 28	
Superintendent's Salary Fund,	143 51	
Incidentals—books, supplies, etc.,	7 02	
Seminary Hall Fund,	47 89	
Miscellaneous Fund,	29 14	
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Total, March 1, 1898,		\$794 38

We have books and supplies on hand amounting to about \$100.

We shall probably receive from the State, on account of District Superintendency Salary Fund, \$675.

E. C. TUTTLE,

Secretary of School Board.

Townsend, March 1, 1898.

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I have examined the foregoing account and found it correct.

HENRY A. HILL, Auditor.

# THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

—OF—

## CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1898.

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### WATER WORKS ACCOUNT.

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

April 14.	Work of Mudgett on tank,	\$0 75
	G. Anderson, April,	4 00
	G. Anderson, May,	1 00
	G. Anderson, August,	3 70
	E. R. Cook, April,	1 20
	E. R. Cook, May,	2 98
	E. R. Cook, Sept.,	88
April 28.	Work of R. Brown,	1 50
	J. P. Hildreth, May,	3 38
	J. Misner, August,	2 70
	R. Misner, August,	1 50
April 19.	1 oil can,	23
April 28.	2 1-6 barrels cement, \$1.40,	3 03
	50 brick,	50
May 1.	One ball asbestos packing,	10
May 8.	Work of men and team,	45
May 15.	Work of men and team,	2 80
May 17.	Work of men and team,	70
May 12.	Cash paid L. G. Brown & Son, dinner of Dillon's man,	50

May 22.	1 lock,	\$0 30
June 5.	Work of Wallace Maynard :	
	Repairing pump rod,	30
	One valve wrench,	50
	One valve,	1 25
	One hasp on pipe,	50
July 1.	One padlock,	75
	Bill A. F. Stickney & Son :	
	Surveying on Water	
	Works,	\$18 60
	Labor on Water	
	Works, F. W. Stick-	
	ney, 40 hours,	6 00
	Labor on Water	
	Works, A. F. Stick-	
	ney, 5 1-2 hours,	82
		<hr/> 25 42
July 28.	Express on fittings,	30
July 30.	Bill, A. E. Burt, sheet iron,	
	.95 ; oil can, 25 ;	1 20
Aug. 25.	Five 1.2 elbows, .15	75
Aug. 30.	Three 1½ in. nipples, .20,	60
Sept. 3.	Freight on pipe and fittings,	27
Sept. 7.	1080 pounds Cumberland	
	coal, \$5.50,	2 97

*Bills of Braman, Dow & Co.*

May 19.	Pipe and fittings,	\$95 02
May 26.	Pipe and fittings,	11 67
		<hr/> 106 69
July 24.	Pipe and fittings,	15 29
Aug. 12.	Pipe and fittings,	3 30
Sept. 2.	Pipe and fittings,	10 64

*Labor. Piping Cemetery.*

May.	G. Anderson, 7 days, \$2.00	\$14 00
	C. Mudgett, 5½ days, 1 75	9 63
	A. Blood, 4 days, 1 50	6 00
	F. Spring, 7 hours, 15	1 05
	J. Misner, 2 days, 1 25	2 50
	R. Misner, 2 days, 1 25	2 50
	C. Brown, 1 day,	1 25
	S. Swicker, 3 hours, 17½	53
	Men and team, 1½ days, 3 00	4 50
May 25.	Freight on pipe,	2 38
	Freight on fittings,	25
	8 feet 1½ in. pipe, .10,	80
	One 1½ in. nipple,	20
		<hr/> \$248 52

## CARE OF CEMETERIES—TOWNSEND CENTER.

## DISBURSEMENTS.

April 14.	600 pounds chemical phosphate, \$1.60,	\$9 60
	Work of C. Mudgett, April,	
	June and July,	6 05
	J. P. Hildreth, April,	12 90
	J. P. Hildreth, May,	13 14
	J. P. Hildreth, June,	6 60
	J. P. Hildreth, July,	2 75
	J. P. Hildreth, Aug.	22 35
	J. P. Hildreth, Sept.,	12 00
	J. P. Hildreth, Oct.,	45
	J. P. Hildreth, Nov.,	65
April 28.	Work of Fred Brown,	88
	Abel Spalding, April,	15
	Abel Spalding, May,	10
	G. Anderson, July,	50



April 28.	Work of G. Anderson, Sept.,	40	
	R. Brown, July,	88	
	R. Brown, November,	60	
	L. C. Jefts, June		
	and August,	2	44
	W. H. Emerson,		
	Aug. and Sept.,	8	62
	Team, September,	35	
	Team, November,	45	
	G. Anderson, June,	4	60

May 26.	Bill, Boston Belting Co:		
	200 feet $\frac{3}{4}$ hose,	\$27	00
	Four sets $\frac{3}{4}$ coup-		
	ling,	1	00
	Four Gem pipes,	1	00
	One hose reel,	5	00
		<hr/>	\$34 00
	Express on reel and hose,		80

June 24.	Bill, B. Manning, fer-		
	tilizer,	1	60

Aug. 11.	Bill, B. Manning, fer-		
	tilizer,	2	40
		<hr/>	\$4 00

Bill, A. F. Stickney & Son:			
Making book of			
plans,	\$18	30	
Paid for portfolio,	3	20	
Paid for paper,	3	50	
Surveying lots and			
setting bounds,	5	81	
	<hr/>		\$30 81

Sept. 22.	One load of loam,	50	
	E. C. Tuttle, making and		
	recording three deeds,	1	50
		<hr/>	\$178 07

## RECEIPTS.

Grass in Cemetery told to S. J. Stearns,	\$15 00	
One stone, sold to Brown,	25	
E. C. Tuttle, sale of four lots,	5 50	
	<hr/>	\$20 75
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		\$157 32

## DISBURSEMENTS.

July 2. Bill, Chas. E. Patch :		
2 day's work, with 2 men,	\$6 00	
2 hour's work, with 1 man,	30	
Aug. 19. Cash paid Wyman & Hosley for trees and setting same,	9 50	
Oct. 13. Cash for 200 chestnut stakes,	3 00	
Oct. 27. Bill, Chas. E. Patch, five day's work in yard, \$1.50,	7 50	
Nov. 23. Bill, A. Stickney & Son : Staking out 44 lots and showing same in plan,	6 13	
Making deeds of 9 lots,	4 50	
	<hr/>	\$36 93

*Receipts—West Townsend Cemeteries.*

Oct. 28. Hay in yard to C. E. Patch,	\$2 00	
E. C. Tuttle, cash received for sale of nine lots,	13 50	
	<hr/>	\$15 50

## RECAPITULATION.

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Water Works account,	\$248 52	
Care of Cemeteries, Townsend Center,	178 07	
Care of Cemetery, West Townsend,	36 93	
	<hr/>	\$463 52

## RECEIPTS.

Townsend Center,	\$20 75	
West Townsend,	15 50	
Balance in hands of Cemetery Commissioners, March 1, 1897,	2 05	
Balance of unexpended fence appropriation, as per report March 1, 1897, Town order, No. 731, March 26, 1898,	179 53	
Town Treasurer, income from Cemetery Fund, February 26, 1898,	214 58	
	<hr/>	\$432 41
Balance due Cemetery Commissioners, March 1, 1898,		\$31 11
Balance due Cemetery Commissioners, as per report, March 1, 1897, Water Works account		\$500 00
Nov. 6, 1897. Received Town Order, No. 611,		\$500 00

The Commissioners now have on hand about \$100 worth of pipe and fittings, which they propose to use the coming season. To provide for the purchase of more pipe and to complete the laying of the same so as to furnish water easily accessible to all parts of the cemetery where lots have been taken, an appropriation of \$100 should be made.

Your Commissioners also deem it very desirable to grade some of the avenues, using crushed stone for the service. It can now be obtained at a reasonable cost of 35 cents per ton, and for which, an appropriation of \$100 is recommended.

CLARENCE STICKNEY,  
A. D. FESSENDEN,  
E. C. TUTTLE,

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS.

# REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HISTORICAL MARKERS.

Markers have been placed at the resting place of the following named soldiers of the war of 1812:

Colonel Walter Hastings,	Martin Bartlett,
Marshall Atherton,	Joseph Mason.

These, together with those reported in 1897, pages 59 and 60, of Town Reports, do not include all whose resting place should be, in like manner, known and designated.

Unexpended balance, as report of com-		
mittee, March 1, 1897,		\$13 72
1897, May 11. Paid M. D. Jones &		
Co., for six markers		
for Soldiers of the		
Revolution,	\$6 00	
Six markers for Sol-		
diers of the War of 1812,	3 00	
Express on same,	25	
	<hr/>	\$9 25
Unexpended balance, March 1, 1898,		\$4 47
Not used: Two markers for Soldiers of the War of 1812.		

LEVI T. PARKER,  
THOMAS J. J. HARVEY,  
H. F. GREEN,

COMMITTEE OF TOWNSEND MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

# REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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*To the Board of Selectmen:*

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor of submitting the following report as Chief of the Fire Department, for the year ending March 1st, 1898.

The work of the department has been very satisfactory during the past year, and it can be safely said that at no time have the men been better prepared for work, or the apparatus in better condition for hard work than at the present time.

The Steamer Company, under the efficient leadership of Mr. H. E. Buckley, has performed splendid work, and on two different occasions were called upon to labor incessantly for over six hours without any rest, and when dismissed from service, when the command "all out" was given, were required to care for over 1500 feet of hose before the company was dismissed. On both of these instances the men were on duty over eight hours, and on the occasion of the cabinet shop fire, the mercury stood below zero, which made it very difficult to handle the hose; but the work was performed in the same cheerful manner which has characterized all of the work of the company during the year. Four times has the Steamer Company been called out during the year and on each occasion their work has been performed to the entire satisfaction of the board of engineers.

The company at West Townsend has not been called upon during the year. Only one alarm was given in that village, and as the fire was extinguished before the machine

arrived the services of the company were not required. Although but seldom called to respond to alarms for fires, Eclipse Engine Company can always be relied upon to perform good work when their services are required. The town has every reason to feel well pleased with the efficiency of the two companies.

#### REPAIRS ON STEAMER.

Early in June the boiler on the steamer was found to be in bad condition and an expert boiler maker, from the Manchester Locomotive Works, was engaged to examine the boiler and repair it, if possible. His examination disclosed the fact that the tubes were worn so thin from the process of "rolling" that it would be impossible to repair the boiler and have it safe. In fact, when put to a test of 100 lbs cold water pressure, the boiler leaked in nearly every seam and around nearly every tube. A special town meeting was called and a committee was chosen to have a new boiler put on the engine, and the sum of \$625 was appropriated for the work. The contract for the boiler was placed with La France Fire Engine Company, of Elmira, N. Y., and the work of setting the boiler was allotted to the Spaulding Brothers Company, of Townsend Harbor, the work to be under the supervision of Mr. Frank A. Greenleaf. The work was completed at a cost of \$809.12, and the engine is now in first-class condition. At the cabinet shop fire, on the 22nd of last December, the engine showed by its fine work that no mistake had been made in putting on a La France boiler, for in the six hours hard run, with three lines of hose, the water pressure was kept at 110 lbs, and the harder she worked the easier she seemed to steam. This is a remarkably high water pressure for so small an engine with three streams playing at once. Although this was the first hard run since the engine was replaced in commission, it worked perfectly and it was not necessary to make a single stop on account of



trouble with the engine. This speaks volumes in praise of the fine work done by Mr. Greenleaf and his associates in rebuilding the engine, and of the fine steaming qualities of La France boiler.

#### REPAIRS ON ECLIPSE ENGINE.

During the year it was necessary to make some repairs on the engine at West Townsend. Two new handle bars being the principle expense, also leathering the plungers and straps for suction hose. This engine is now in very good condition.

#### NEW HOSE CART.

During the year a new hose cart was purchased for use of the Steamer Company. This supplies a long felt want for some light carriage to carry the old hose, which is valuable for emergencies, when it is necessary to have more hose than can be carried on the large hose carriage. It was used for the first time October 8th, when the Fessenden and Rockwood mill was burned, and was of great assistance in getting the line of hose laid, as well as extending the line as occasion required.

#### HOSE.

Five hundred feet of new hose was purchased for the Steamer Company. This hose was purchased of the Cornelius Callahan Company; is guaranteed for a period of five years and to stand a water pressure of 400 lbs. This hose was put to an actual test of over 300 lbs., when the steamer was tested after the new boiler was set, and it stood up to its work in splendid shape. It is certainly the best hose that we now have in the department, and in all our dealings with this firm they have fulfilled all of their agreements to our entire satisfaction. The department is well supplied with hose and no appropriation will be needed for hose the coming year.

The suction hose is getting pretty well worn and some of it will have to be replaced before long, but we are in hopes to make it go through the coming year.

#### RECORD BOOK.

A "Rollins Fire Record Book" has been purchased for the use of the department, and it supplies a long felt want. That the citizens of the town may see how complete is the system of recording all fires and alarms by this record book, we submit the following headings taken from the book: Day and date of fire, box, time alarm was given, time of dismissal, street and number, description of building, owner, occupant, purpose for which used, floor on which fire originated, floor to which fire extended, cause, value of building, loss on building, insurance on building, insurance paid on building, value of contents, loss on contents, insurance on contents, insurance paid on contents, total loss, total insurance paid, apparatus present, officer in command, chief's assistants present, feet of hose used, gallons of chemical used, feet of ladders used, miles apparatus travelled, hours of service, remarks. By the use of this book a perfect record is now kept of all fires and will greatly facilitate the furnishing of information on any fire that may hereafter occur in town, as well as being a perfect history of all fires and the work of the department from the moment the alarm is rung till the "all out" is given.

#### FIREMEN'S FIELD DAY.

Undoubtedly the greatest day in the history of the department was October 14th, 1897, when the Field Day exercises were held under the direction of the entire department. Cash prizes to the amount of \$85 were offered as prizes to be contested for, divided as follows: For Hand Tubs, \$40 for first and \$25 for second. For Steamers, one prize of \$20 was offered. This prize money had been

raised by popular subscription among the citizens, and although not large, was sufficient to excite considerable friendly rivalry among the different companies. The parade, which was first on the program, was formed at the engine house, West Townsend, extending westward, and was made up as follows:

Chief marshal, T. E. Flarity, chief engineer; assistant marshals, E. C. Tuttle, C. E. Streeter, C. M. Proctor, Lawrence Morgan, F. J. Knight, mounted.

Police; Townsend cornet band, R. A. Lancey, leader, twenty-two men.

Squanicook steamer 1, Townsend, Squanicook hose carriage.

Union engine company 2, East Pepperell.

Squannacook engine company, 2 West Groton.

Bicycle corps; Warren engine company, Pepperell, L. G. Robbins, foreman.

Rollstone steamer 2, Fitchburg.

West Townsend cornet band, George E. Streeter, leader, twenty-three men.

Eclipse engine company 2, West Townsend, H. D. Thomas, foreman.

Undine engine company 2, South Ashburnham.

Groton brass band, N. J. Shattuck, leader.

Lawrence engine company, Groton, R. Forbes, foreman.

Tiger engine company 1, New Ipswich, N. H.

Leominster veteran firemen's association, Torrent engine.

Members of Nashua, N. H., Veteran firemen's association, A. C. Truel, president, in carriage.

Members of hose company 1, Leominster.

Invited guests in carriages.

The line of march lay along Main street through West Townsend to Townsend, a distance of two miles, through Elm, Depot, Main, Bow, Brookline, School to Main street, and the public square, where the procession was reviewed by the board of engineers, ranged across Elm street. Without breaking line the engines were left under guard on the east and north sides of the square, while the hungry firemen continued the march to Memorial hall. In the line was Charles C. Boyden, eighty-two years old, one of the Leominster veterans, who kept step with the youngest of his comrades.

Over 500 firemen and invited guests, besides the three bands, were supplied with a free dinner in Memorial hall, both halls being used in order that all might eat at the first table. At the conclusion of the dinner cigars were passed.

We take the following from the *Tocsin* of October 23rd, 1897, which was written by Engineer E. C. Tuttle :

“A spirited but good-natured rivalry between several of the visiting companies existed, particularly between the two Pepperell companies and between the Groton and West Groton companies, which made the contest all the more interesting to onlookers.

“The judges were : At the paper, Second Assistant Engineer R. C. Eaton, of Fitchburg fire department, and Engineer C. E. Streeter, of Townsend fire department. At the nozzle, C. V. Herrig, chief of Pepperell fire department, and F. L. Willoby, of Brookline, N. H. At the engines, F. A. Sherwin, chief of Groton fire department, and J. A. Dickerman, of Ashburnham. Timekeeper, Chief Charles Garland, of Leominster.

“Following is the summary of the hand engine companies, in the order of winnings :

1st, Warren company, Pepperell, 50 men, L. G. Robbins, foreman, 218 ft. 7 in.

2nd, Union No. 2, East Pepperell, 50 men, H. J. Dudley, foreman, 212 ft.

3rd, Undine engine company, South Ashburnham, 40 men, J. R. Barrell, foreman, 194 ft.  $4\frac{3}{4}$  in.

4th, Veteran firemen, Leominster, 60 men, G. R. Damon, foreman, 186 ft.

5th, Tiger No. 1, New Ipswich, 30 men, Gilbert Blood, foreman, 168 ft.  $9\frac{3}{4}$  in.

6th, Squannacook No. 3, West Groton, 30 men, J. H. Hunkins, foreman, 164 ft. 3 in.

7th, Eclipse No. 2, West Townsend, 36 men, H. D. Thomas, foreman, 160 ft.  $8\frac{1}{2}$  in.

8th, Lawrence engine company, Groton, 40 men, Robert Forbes, foreman, 157 ft. 11 in.

"By reason of the wind, some of these companies threw water several feet farther than the summary shows, but as the water did not strike the paper, credit could not be given. This was notably the case with the West Townsend boys, who actually threw the water about eighteen feet farther than the record shows, and broke one of their brakes doing it; this was the only accident to machinery during the day. Not a single piece of hose burst, because it was Callahan & Co.'s best.

"It was near twilight when the hand engines retired, making way for the steamers, but a good proportion of the crowd remained, and were amply repaid.

"Rollstone company No. 2, Fitchburg, with T. W. Coleman in charge, appeared first, the steamer dashing down Main street and into position in fine style. Steam was up and water flying in nine minutes and fifty seconds. The twenty men came up to their work without bluster or excitement, holding steadily to it like veterans, from start to finish. They threw water 232 ft. 11½ in.

"The Townsend steamer has just received a new La France boiler, and much was expected of her. Frank A. Greenleaf, who had set the boiler, engineered her and A. T. Baker, of the Harbor, manipulated the fuel. With Steve Farrar on the seat and a span of Fessenden's grays in front, the engine made the run of 250 yards, from the bank to the tank, in exactly thirty seconds. Water was flying in five minutes and twenty-seven seconds after the match was applied. Foreman H. E. Buckley and the other thirteen men of the company were at their places, and evidently understand their business. The gallant little engine acted like a thing alive, eager for victory, and everybody was proud of her. She threw water 235 ft. 3¼ in, winning the prize handsomely. She also gave a fine exhibition of fireworks.

"In the meantime the victorious Warren's were having a jolly but perfectly orderly time. With Foreman Robbins



mounted on their shoulders and each carrying a new broom, the company and its friends paraded about the streets, and had their picture taken. The Townsend broom company had made and ornamented with flame-colored ribbons a handsome broom for each of the victorious companies, which were presented informally, as decisions were rendered.

"In the evening a concert and entertainment was given in Memorial hall, which was completely filled, up stairs and down. The Townsend band, assisted by Miss and Mr. Flagg, as singers, Miss Lelia Savage as reader, and the Misses Flora and Grace Barnes in banjo duets, occupied the program, happily and to the satisfaction of their large and appreciative audience. A social hour followed the concert, closing one of the eventful days in the history of the old town. No accidents had happened worthy of mention. The crowd was orderly throughout, and Townsend's reputation for doing nothing by halves was maintained.

"Monday evening the committee of arrangements met in Firemen's hall to prepare a balance sheet. It was found that the receipts from all sources footed up \$373.25, and the total expenditures \$262.32, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$110.93. This amount will be equally divided between the two companies. The total receipts from the concert were \$110.90, and the net profit \$80.23. This result could only come where every man and woman worked for nothing and contributed liberally besides.

"A hearty and unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to the citizens, the ladies, the Groton, Townsend and West Townsend bands, and everybody else who contributed to make the occasion a monumental success. The bands played practically without compensation. In this relation it should be recorded that the individual members of the two home companies worked together admirably and indefatigably, some of them, particularly Chief Engineer



Flarity, Foreman Buckley, Samuel Gillis and others devoting from ten days to three weeks of time to preparations. The *Tocsin* moves a public vote of thanks to the fire department of Townsend.

"Among the invited guests present were Ex-chief Engineer A. D. Fessenden, (the only one now living,) P. H. Hooley, of Ayer; John Molloy, of Callahan & Co., Boston; School Superintendent Justus Dartt, of Townsend; James Hildreth, of Lunenburg; L. E. Williams, of West Groton; the judges, and the Nashua veterans. F. H. Pope, of the *Boston Globe*, and Harry Bell, of the *Fitchburg Mail*, were also among the guests. It was a day not soon to be forgotten in Townsend."

At the request of many citizens and firemen we have quoted so extensively from the *Tocsin*, in order that it might be printed in this report, to be preserved in the records of the town. Much credit is due Engineer E. C. Tuttle for this admirable report of the exercises from which we have quoted.

#### REMARKS.

It is to be hoped that the town will make an appropriation for painting the steamer, at the annual town meeting. Thirty dollars will paint it and set the tires, and then it will be in condition to do good service for a long time.

Some work was done on the cisterns north of the Common, and it is believed they are tight and will be of good service to the department in case of fire in that locality.

We are still of the opinion that it would be a wise thing to connect these cisterns with the pipe in the cemetery, so that they can be filled without being compelled to depend on the steamer to do this work.

The department has been placed under heavy expense during the past year, but is now in a position to do good work for some time without any but ordinary expense. There is between 13 and 14 tons of cannel coal now in the

engine house, which will last the department several years.

The financial transactions of the department for the year are set forth in detail in the report of the selectmen.

The following is a list of the fires in town for the year ending March 1, 1898:

April 24. The horse sheds at the trotting park. No alarm.

May 8. Cabinet shop, Brookline street. Fire caught on the roof from sparks from the chimney, but was extinguished without any damage. The steamer responded to the alarm.

July 24. U. S. Adams' dry house, on the hill, near Fitchburg road. Fire caught from over-heated furnace, but was extinguished by a stream thrown from Mr. Adams' pump and two from the steamer. Total damage, \$100. No insurance.

September 28. A still alarm was given for a chimney fire at South row, in the house belonging to W. H. Riley. This fire had been burning all day when the alarm was given at 3 p. m. The chief and first assistant, L. Morgan, of the Harbor, with two men from the steamer company, went over and extinguished the fire with five gallons of chemicals and the Memorial Hall extinguishers. As the chimney was an old one and careless, a second trip was made the same day, to see that everything was safe before leaving it for the night.

October 6. A fire started in the "Emery lot" in South row, owned by A. D. Fessenden, and caused a damage of \$50.

October 8. At 9:10 p. m. an alarm was given for a fire in B. & A. D. Fessenden's saw mill in the Warner pasture. The building was wood, and, with the contents, was entirely destroyed. Cause of fire unknown. Loss, \$5000. Partially insured.

October 17. A fire started on the roof of the dwelling house owned by R. S. Cook, on the Mason road, West

Townsend, but was extinguished before much damage was done. The fire started from a spark from the chimney. Damage, \$25.

October 23. A brush fire started on the land of O. T. Manning, but was put out before much damage was done.

October 30. A brush fire started in wood land north of the Harbor, owned by A. D. Fessenden and B. H. Laws, and burned over about eight acres. Damage unknown.

On December 22 occurred the most disastrous fire that has visited the town for several years, when the cabinet shop owned by the Townsend Furniture Co., was completely destroyed with all the machinery and a large amount of stock. The alarm was given at 2.15 a. m., and it was 8.30 a. m. before the department was called in. Cause of fire unknown. Loss, \$17,800. No insurance.

Eri Adams' cooper shop was damaged to the extent of \$75 at this fire. No insurance.

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## ROSTER OF THE DEPARTMENT.

### ENGINEERS.

T. E. Flarity, Chief.

E. C. Tuttle, First Assistant, Townsend Center.

C. E. Streeter, First Assistant, West Townsend.

C. M. Proctor, Second Assistant, West Townsend.

L. Morgan, First Assistant, Townsend Harbor.

F. J. Knight, Second Assistant, Townsend Harbor.

### SQUANICOOK STEAMER COMPANY, NO. 1.

H. E. Buckley, Foreman.

Samuel Gillis, First Assistant Foreman.

W. S. Green, Second Assistant Foreman.

F. J. Piper, Clerk.

G. L. Eastman, Treasurer,

E. R. Cook, Engineer.

J. J. Morse,	John Dobson,
J. A. Arlin,	R. F. Copeland,
A. H. Richards,	W. H. Lang,
E. L. Winn,	N. R. Mitchell.

## ECLIPSE ENGINE COMPANY—WEST TOWNSEND.

H. D. Thomas, Foreman.

G. M. Streeter, First Assistant.

H. L. Stickney, Second Assistant.

E. W. Chapman, Steward.

F. M. Bisbee,	D. H. Coffey,
E. T. Davis,	F. B. Eaton,
A. P. Farrar,	G. W. Hobart,
G. W. Hannaford,	Amos Joudry,
A. J. Manchester,	C. T. McDormond,
William Mills,	C. E. Patch,
F. A. Patch,	E. J. Pratt,
William H. Reed,	J. B. Seabon,
C. W. Sherwin,	I. P. Sherwin,
W. Z. Sherwin,	C. Stickney,
C. B. Stickney,	John Manchester,
Guy Stickney,	A. S. Thayer,
E. J. Welch,	M. C. Welch,
W. W. Webster,	E. G. Wilson,
L. A. Wood,	C. Webster,
J. M. Nutting,	J. R. McElligott,
Oren T. Manning,	A. P. Basford,
H. B. Boynton,	G. H. Tenney.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. FLARITY, Chief Engineer.

TOWNSEND, March 1, 1898.

## REPORT OF THE JANITOR OF MEMORIAL HALL.

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Received for rent of hall	\$42 80
Paid C. F. Josselyn, Treasurer	42 80

T. E. FLARITY, Janitor.

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## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS.

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*To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Townsend:*

The number of herds of cattle inspected by me since March 16, 1897, is 130, and other work done by order of the Commissioners :

Time spent myself, 25 days at \$3.00	\$75 00	
To A. M. Wilson, slaughter house 8		
times, at 75c.	6 00	
To Levi Stearns, slaughter house 77		
times, at 50c.	38 50	
Cleansing 5 barns, at \$1.50	7 50	
		\$127 00

Number of cattle found diseased and killed by the order of state officers : 13 cows.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN N. GOING, Inspector.

# REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1898.

*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Townsend:*

I have the honor of submitting the following report as Chief of Police for the year ending March 1, 1898 :

Whole number of arrests from March 1, 1897 to March 1, 1898, ten; assault and battery, two; drunkenness, three; for selling intoxicating liquors, two; murder, one; non-support, one; larceny, one.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL O'BRIEN, Chief.

## LIGHTING STREETS.

MICHAEL O'BRIEN, TOWNSEND CENTRE.

Appropriation \$198 75

### SUPPLIES.

Paid A. E. Burt, oil, etc.	\$5 89
H. F. Green	5 35
C. W. Hildreth	6 63
A. L. Josselyn & Co.	12 80
W. D. Osgood	6 09
	<hr/> \$36 76

### LIGHTING.

Paid Clifton Patch \$110 20



## REPAIRS.

Paid E. L. Winn	\$5 90	
Charles Fuller	2 55	
	<hr/>	\$8 45
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		\$155 41
Balance due on appropriation		\$43 34

## F. A. PATCH, WEST TOWNSEND.

Appropriation		\$88 75
Paid F. W. Basford, street lamplighter	\$41 75	
Alexander Reed, oil and supplies	13 72	
J. M. Nutting, labor on lamps and		
cash paid	2 95	
J. F. Thompson, three lamp posts	3 00	
W. M. Lawrence, five street lamps	15 00	
W. M. Lawrence, supplies	6 81	
	<hr/>	\$83 23
Unexpended balance of appropriation		\$5 52

I have examined the above account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

E. W. SEAVER, Auditor.

## F. J. KNIGHT, TOWNSEND HARBOR.

Appropriation	\$62 50
Paid C. W. Lane, care of and lighting	
lamps	\$62 50

# HIGHWAY SURVEYORS' REPORT.

REPORT OF JERRY DONOVAN, HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

## *Highways and Bridges.*

Paid W. L. Maynard, repairs on road machine	\$ 60
Spaulding Bros., work on road machine	40
A. E. Burttt, casting for road machine	1 20
A. E. Burttt, spikes	1 10
A. D. Fessenden, bridge plank	21 07
A. D. Fessenden, cleaning out sewer	2 00
U. S. Adams, man and team	68 00
U. S. Adams, bridge plank	4 65
James C. Smith	21 75
Emory Bolton	3 00
Daniel Malen	7 13
J. L. Jennerson	7 97
W. D. Kidder	3 00
Alfred Ripley	6 75
Wm. Smart	13 30
Sidney A. Weaver	10 00
Wm. S. Dustin	1 80
S. H. Scales	9 00
W. E. Williams	10 75
W. J. Stewart	22 50
F. S. Palfreyman	6 35
Dana F. Fletcher	4 40

Paid Thomas Copeland	\$5 25	
John E. Donovan	33 88	
James Doran	7 50	
Galen A. Proctor	7 50	
F. S. Stowell	1 75	
Joel S. Cook	2 60	
F. H. Warren	1 50	
E. J. Wyeth	6 03	
W. Wilder	6 00	
A. F. Patterson	2 25	
Oliver Proctor	4 50	
C. F. Jennerson	2 00	
W. B. Floyd	6 00	
Jerry Donovan	125 52	
	<hr/>	\$439 00

*Highway Snow Paths.*

Paid George H. Brown	\$12 53	
E. R. Brackett	3 53	
Moses Blood	1 35	
U. S. Adams	10 15	
Andrew Eaton	1 50	
W. E. Williams	1 65	
H. Cady	1 50	
H. H. Jennerson	1 50	
Frank Mayhue	83	
E. J. Wyeth	6 40	
G. A. Proctor	11 32	
I. A. Seaver	1 05	
F. S. Palfreyman	1 43	
Jerry Donovan	10 00	
John E. Donovan	8 90	
F. S. Stowell	90	
	<hr/>	\$74 54

*Sidewalks*

Paid B. & A. D. Fessenden, removing snow from sidewalks at the Center	\$22 31	
repairs on snow plow	1 50	
Joel S. Cook, removing snow from sidewalks at the Harbor	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$27 81

JERRY DONOVAN, Highway Surveyor.

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## REPORT OF C. M. PROCTOR, HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

*Highways and Bridges.*

Paid C. Stickney, plank, labor and teams	\$91 80	
A. Reed, spikes and teams	20 56	
C. Patch, time and teams	54 13	
A. G. Stearns, labor and stone	33 67	
Joseph Marshall, labor	1 25	
C. Proctor, cash, labor and teams	116 82	
Henry King, labor	6 53	
J. M. Nutting, labor	17 70	
E. Chapman, labor	16 75	
J. H. Elliott, labor	18 60	
James Aker, labor	11 25	
Thomas Smith, labor and teams	21 85	
— Bartlett, labor	1 35	
James King, Jr., labor and teams	8 25	
William Aikle, labor	6 00	
Mrs. T. E. Davis, for loam	7 70	
J. Thompson, lumber and team	17 28	
Charles Wyman, labor	3 45	
Robert Cady	3 38	
	<hr/>	\$458 32

*Highway Snow Paths.*

Paid C. Stickney, teams and men	\$21 43	
A. Reed, teams	6 00	
C. Patch, teams	1 25	
A. G. Stearns, teams and labor	1 30	
C. Proctor, team and time	10 20	
Emory Wyman, labor	90	
Solomon Worden, labor	60	
Charles Reed, labor	75	
J. F. Blood, labor	2 85	
J. Dixon, teams and men	19 35	
James Rafuse, teams and men	13 92	
J. M. Nutting, labor	1 50	
Thomas Smith, teams and men	5 85	
J. King, Jr., team and men	3 40	
J. Thompson, team	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$95 30

*Sidewalks.*

Paid C. Proctor, time and team	\$9 30	
Guy Stickney, labor	1 20	
Charles Reed, labor	1 20	
J. M. Nutting, labor	1 20	
	<hr/>	\$12 90

C. M. PROCTOR, Highway Surveyor.

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REPORT OF E. E. CAMPBELL, HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

*Highways.*

Paid George Kendall, labor	\$3 00
Frank Weston, axle grease	35
Austin Allen, labor	3 00
A. E. Burt, nails	28
Everett W. Simonds, labor	17 75

Paid Willard F. Hale, labor	\$10 50	
L. W. Simonds, labor	18 75	
Harry R. Morse, labor	12 00	
Townsend Furniture Co., pickets	35	
Frank Heselton, labor	35 25	
C. A. Stickney, men and team	50 00	
G. L. Whitcomb, labor	15	
Charles J. Simonds, labor	52 46	
D. Campbell, men and team	82 50	
E. N. Taylor, labor	26 25	
B. & A. D. Fessenden, chestnut lumber	10 82	
B. & A. D. Fessenden, pipe	12 00	
U. S. Adams, bridge plank	8 85	
U. S. Adams, men and teams	90 00	
Walter Allen, labor	4 13	
William B. Floyd, labor	7 00	
A. H. Rice, self and team	13 65	
E. E. Campbell, labor	65 50	
	<hr/>	\$524 54

*Highway Snow Paths.*

Paid A. J. Hinds, labor	\$1 35	
T. A. Greenleaf, labor	3 60	
Charles J. Simonds, labor	4 12	
D. M. Barber, labor	45	
V. Barber, labor	60	
D. Campbell, men and team	10 25	
Frank Heselton, labor	4 45	
A. Greenleaf, labor	75	
A. H. Rice	15 42	
B. & A. D. Fessenden	9 50	
	<hr/>	\$575 03
Amount assigned to me		\$575 00

E. E. CAMPBELL, Highway Surveyor.

# REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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REPORT OF JAMES M. RAFUESE, SUPERINTENDENT OF  
TOWN FARM.

## *Received.*

Cash on hand March 1, 1897,	\$59 66	
Received for meat bill reported due March 1, 1897	17 30	
February, 1897, milk bill reported due March 1, 1897	58 49	
March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, 1897, and January, 1898, milk	733 90	
Farm produce	20 19	
Cattle, calves and hogs	131 97	
Labor and use of team	107 96	
Incidentals	48 68	
Clarence Stickney, guardian, board of Sophronia Atherton	156 00	
Town Treasurer	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$1484 15

## *Paid.*

Paid for grain	\$339 67
Supplies	619 65
Labor	137 25
Repairs	43 95
Medical attendance and medicine	17 95



Paid for corn fodder	\$13 00
Live stock	252 50
Phosphate	34 20
Use of pasture	14 25

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\$1472 42

Cash in hands Superintendent, March  
1, 1897

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11 73

\$1484 15

There is due the farm for milk sold  
month of February, 1898 (esti-  
mated)

\$60 00

Due the farm from J. F. Thompson  
for logs

43 41

Due the farm for teaming

8 40

Cash on hand March 1, 1898

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11 73

Balance in favor of farm

\$123 54

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

### *At Town Farm.*

Personal property at farm March 1,  
1897

\$1934 59

Paid Superintendent, orders on Town

Treasurer to pay hired man \$50 00

Superintendent, orders on Town

Treasurer to pay for cows 100 00

Damon & Gould, for hay tedder 22 50

Morse Brothers, eaves trough  
and conductors

36 30

W. Z. Sherwin, labor and ma-  
terial for window in Alms-  
house

5 00

Paid Miletus Gleason, casket for remains of Charles Davis	\$14 00	
E. A. Hubbard, grave for remains of Charles Davis	4 00	
James M. Rafuese and wife, part pay of salary as Superintendent and Matron	150 00	
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Total orders drawn		\$381 80
Will be due Superintendent and Matron April 1, 1898		300 00
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		\$2616 39

*Contra.*

Balance in favor of farm per Superintendent's report	\$123 54	
Personal property at farm March 1, 1898	1986 85	
	<hr/>	\$2110 39
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Net cost at farm		\$506 00

*Persons Supported at Town Farm.*

Samuel Gibson, age 90 years ; 52 weeks.

Charles Davis, age 88 years ; 37 weeks.

Betsy Damon, age 77 years ; 52 weeks.

Clarissa Brown, age 77 years ; 52 weeks.

Sophronia Atherton, age 64 years ; 52 weeks.

Laura Sloan, age 41 years ; 52 weeks.

Clara Bell Richardson, age 25 years ; 52 weeks.

Stephen Martin ; 2 weeks.

Rosilla Adams ; 2 weeks.

Average cost per week	\$1.43
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Number of tramps lodged during the year, 84.

## ELSEWHERE THAN AT FARM.

*Adams, Rosilla.*

Paid Town of Lancaster, board and clothes	\$22 67	
A. J. Atwood, M. D., examination	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$24 67

*Atherton, Mary.*

Paid L. G. Chandler, M. D., medical attendance		\$2 00
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*Banks, Alvah C.*

Paid L. G. Chandler, M. D., medical attendance	\$17 00	
Miletus Gleason, casket, box, etc.	28 50	
	<hr/>	\$45 50

*Bartlett, Wm.*

Paid Abbott Hodgman, house rent		\$25 00
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*Baldwin, Wm. F.*

Paid Town of Orange, board, nursing and medical attendance		\$149 50
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*Batchelder, J. H.*

Paid H. F. Green, merchandise		\$5 08
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*Bills, Abner H.*

Paid Worcester Lunatic Hospital, board and clothing		\$19 29
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*Bixby, Susan.*

Paid Lorintha W. Parks, board, nursing, and care of remains	\$14 00	
L. A. Smith, journey to Lunenburg	2 00	

Paid Wm. Parks, journey to Townsend	\$2 00
Dr. C. E. Woods, medical attendance	1 50
Miletus Gleason, casket and robe	17 00
G. H. Rockwood, burial remains	5 00
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\$41 50

*Cowdrey, Mrs. Randall.*

Paid A. D. Fessenden, coal	\$1 75
Julia A. Howard, rent for March 1897	4 00
L. G. Chandler, medical attendance	2 00
Lizzie S. Nutting, board	70 50
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\$78 25

*Deland, Margaret.*

Paid Wm. M. Lawrence, merchandise	\$17 96
A. M. Wilson, meat	3 34
G. H. Powers, meat	1 09
A. E. Burt, funnel	0 75
L. G. Chandler, medical attendance	1 00
W. Z. Sherwin, supplies	1 70
W. D. Osgood, quilt	1 40
Mrs. T. Welch, washing	1 00
Mrs. Nancy Worden, care	6 00
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\$34 24

*Dickinson, Dexter, settlement Fitchburg.*

Paid W. M. Lawrence, merchandise	\$7 99
W. Z. Sherwin, time and expense	5 75
W. D. Osgood, mattress and quilt	7 30
C. L. Fox, furnishing help	1 00
C. M. Proctor, team	1 75
L. G. Chandler, medical attendance	4 00
Mrs. George Durand, nursing	12 00
May Bell Doherty, nursing	15 00

Paid J. T. Hallisey, nursing	\$9 00	
Louisa Eddy, nursing	9 00	
Minnie O. Dudley, nursing	41 00	
Mary J. Linehan, nursing	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$163 79

*Elliott, J. H.*

Paid Clarence Stickney, fuel	\$16 88
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*Gilson, David D.*

Paid D. D. Gilson, cash	\$5 00	
Town of Monson, aid furnished	15 62	
James W. Kilbourn, house rent	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$40 62

*Kidder, Isaac.*

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, board	\$74 46
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*Lane, Charles W.*

Paid town of Methuen, aid furnished for rent, fuel, provisions, med- ical attendance and medicine	\$270 16
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*Merriam, Jennie.*

Paid Medfield Insane Asylum, board	\$146 00
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*Parker, Ida May.*

Paid Drs. Boynton and Boynton, med- ical attendance, medicine, nursing, board and clothing for self and child	\$22 40
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*Peck, George G.*

Paid H. F. Green, merchandise	\$9 00
G. F. Lawton, moving goods to Pepperell	6 00

Paid L. G. Chandler, medical attend- ance	\$0 75	
A. J. Atwood, medical attendance	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$17 75

*Rundlett, George W.*

Paid Lucy A. Evans, house rent		\$70 50
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*Smith, Daniel.*

Paid Clarence Stickney, fuel	\$10 13	
Robert Kaddy, sawing and split- ting wood	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$17 13

*Worden, Solomon.*

Paid W. M. Lawrence, merchandise		\$19 50
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*Walker, Mrs. Nathan.*

Paid Clarence Stickney, wood	\$4 50	
A. D. Fessenden, coal	6 75	
	<hr/>	\$11 25

*Welch, Frederick M.*

Paid Worcester Lunatic Hospital, board		\$87 75
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*Wood, Mrs. Luther A., settlement Pepperell.*

Paid Clarence Stickney, fuel	\$12 15	
A. D. Fessenden, fuel	5 50	
Frances E. Hopkins, rent	15 00	
Julia A. Howard, rent	4 00	
R. B. Boynton, medical attend- ance	9 80	
	<hr/>	\$46 45

Total orders drawn support of poor elsewhere than at farm		\$1429 67
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Received from Maurice C. Welch		
money refunded	\$87 75	
Received from Rosilla Adams	22 67	
Due from town of Pepperell,		
Mrs. L. A. Wood case	46 45	
Due from city of Fitchburg		
Dexter Dickinson case	163 79	
	<hr/>	\$320 66
Net cost support of poor elsewhere		
than at farm		\$1109 01
Net cost of poor at farm		506 00
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Net cost for support of poor		\$1615 01
Appropriation	\$1500 00	
Applied part of overlayings	115 01	
	<hr/>	\$1615 01



# REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid A. D. Fessenden, cleaning out sewer	\$2 00	
J. J. Farley, work, March, 1897	1 95	
G. F. Lawton, work, March, 1897	4 25	
William B. Floyd, raking and carting stone	5 50	
Galen A. Proctor, self and horse	7 50	
A. D. Fessenden, bridge plank	21 07	
Clarence Stickney, bridge plank and teaming shavings	26 75	
Charles M. Proctor, work of self and team, and cash paid for men, teams and material	437 72	
Jerry Donovan, work of self and team, and cash paid for men, teams and material	405 29	
Edgar E. Campbell, work of self and team, and cash paid for men, teams and material	509 54	
	<hr/>	\$1421 57

## SNOW PATHS.

Paid Frank A. Felton, work, March, 1897	\$ 75
A. D. Fessenden, men and teams,	9 50
Edgar E. Campbell, self and team, and cash paid for men and teams	48 99

Paid Charles M. Proctor, self and team, and cash paid for men and teams	\$95 78	
Jerry Donovan, self and team, and cash paid for men and teams	75 89	
	<hr/>	\$230 91
Total orders drawn for highways, bridges and snow paths		\$1652 48
Appropriation	\$1800 00	
Unexpended balance		\$147 52

## SNOW PATHS ON SIDEWALKS.

Paid A. D. Fessenden, breaking paths and repair to snow plow	\$23 81	
C. M. Proctor, work and cash paid	12 90	
Jerry Donovan, cash paid	4 00	
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Total orders drawn		\$40 71
Appropriation	\$200 00	
Unexpended balance		\$159 29

See report of Highway Surveyors for itemized account.

## WATERING TROUGH AT HARBOR.

Paid Henry Spaulding, care of trough	\$5 00
Appropriation	\$5 00

## LIGHTING STREETS.

Paid Michael O'Brien, for Central Vil- lage	\$155 41	
F. A. Patch, for West Townsend	88 75	
F. J. Knight, for Harbor	62 50	
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Total orders drawn		\$306 66
Appropriation	\$350 00	
Unexpended balance		\$43 34

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid A. K. Tyler, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor	\$130 00	
R. B. Adams, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor	130 00	
W. Z. Sherwin, Selectman, Asses- sor and Overseer of Poor	130 00	
E. A. Blood, Town Clerk	25 00	
E. A. Blood, Clerk Board of Reg- istrars	15 00	
C. F. Josselyn, Treasurer	60 00	
A. S. Howard, Collector, part pay collecting 1897 tax	100 00	
Michael O'Brien, Constable, regu- lar pay	22 00	
Michael O'Brien, Constable, extra time and expense	71 71	
F. A. Patch, Constable, time and expense	10 00	
F. J. Knight, Constable, time and expense	25 25	
Henry A. Hill, Auditor, 1897	3 00	
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Total orders drawn		\$721 96
Appropriation	\$675 00	
Applied part of overlays	46 96	
	<hr/>	\$721 96

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

## OLD CONTRACTS.

Paid A. K. Tyler, balance as Superin- tendent of Streets, work on highway, and cash paid for same	\$60 00
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Paid Mr. and Mrs. James M. Rafuese balance due April 1, 1897, as Superintendent and Matron of Town Farm and Almshouse	\$125 00	
T. F. Rogers, stone for roads and bridges, 1895 and 1896	8 07	
H. F. Green, covering stone for highway, 1896	1 25	
Abbott Hodgman, house rent for Wm. Bartlett, March 1, 1896, to March 1, 1897	50 00	
J. F. Thompson, work on road, 1896	16 00	
J. F. Thompson, wood to Wm. Bartlett, 1896	3 50	
John F. Blood, breaking snow paths, Feb., 1897	1 50	
A. S. Howard, balance collecting 1895 tax	68 28	
	<hr/>	\$333 60

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid L. G. Chandler, M. D., examina- tions	\$2 00
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## INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS.

Paid John N. Going, inspector, ser- vices,	\$127 00
One-half expenses to be returned by the State	\$63 50

## SPECIAL POLICE.

Paid O. G. Patch, at firemen's muster, Oct. 14, 1897	\$2 00
T. J. J. Harvey, at firemen's muster, Oct. 14, 1897	2 00

Paid Cyrus Lane, at firemen's muster, Oct. 14, 1897	\$2 00	
H. Brooks, services July 3 and 4, 1897	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$9 00

## USE OF A. D. FESSENDEN'S SEWER.

Paid A. D. Fessenden, use of sewer, Nov. 30, 1896, to Nov. 30, 1897	\$40 00
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## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid A. S. Howard, collector, abate- ment of 1895 taxes	\$41 52	
A. S. Howard, collector, abate- ment of 1895 taxes	42 20	
A. S. Howard, collector, abate- ment of 1897 taxes	22 81	
	<hr/>	\$106 53

## MODERATOR.

Paid T. E. Flarity, services Moderator, April 5, 1897	\$5 00
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## INCIDENTALS.

Paid E. A. Blood, returning 21 births	\$10 50
E. A. Blood, returning 13 mar- riages	2 60
E. A. Blood, returning 45 deaths	15 75
E. A. Blood, record books, ex- press, postage and printing	16 77
J. L. Farrar, returning 44 deaths	11 00
Charles E. Patch, returning 10 deaths	2 50
L. G. Chandler, returning 8 births	2 00
A. J. Atwood, returning 11 births	2 75

Paid R. B. Boynton, returning 5 births	\$1 25
Charles E. Patch, going for and returning hearse twelve times	12 00
G. A. Wilder, printing and mail- ing warrants, with postage for four town meetings	22 50
A. E. Burt, repair drug store pump	1 00
C. F. Josselyn, postage and As- sessor's blanks	3 10
C. F. Worcester, retainer fee and services and expenses in court, and Irving, Bennett and Ad- ams cases	55 00
Ezra Hinds, over tax, 1896	1 24
James H. Dixon, over tax, 1897	1 01
G. F. Lawton, mowing and raking common three times and re- pairing common fence, journey to Fitchburg for new fence, and cash paid L. H. Goodnow Foundry Co. for iron fence	19 20
R. B. Boynton, attending Tim Sullivan, May, 1897	9 00
W. D. Osgood, stamps, pencils, tacks and pens	8 25
J. J. Farley, use of watering trough	5 00
M. R. Warren, collector's cash book	2 00
Paine Furniture Co., book case	78 00
A. D. Fessenden, teaming book case	40
Miletus Gleason, services on re- mains of Tim Sullivan at alms- house	1 50



Paid Sentinel Printing Co., state aid blanks	\$3 50	
R. B. Adams, expenses to Methuen, Lowell, Worcester, Fitchburg, Boston, Nashua, and Ayer, on pauper cases and town report work	20 75	
W. Z. Sherwin, time and expense on Sullivan, Booth and pauper cases	23 67	
A. K. Tyler, time and expense to State Highway Commission, on pauper cases, and paid for postage, invoice books and Assessors' notices	20 40	
Fitchburg Railroad Co., freight on book case and town reports	1 45	
Richard McElligott, postage on town reports	1 92	
Lawrence Morgan, postage on town reports	88	
B. H. Savage, team for town officers	50	
J. L. Farrar, team for town officers	2 00	
Henry I. Whitney, for Taft & Whitney, in W. P. Robbins' case of assault	14 40	
J. L. Farrar, team in W. P. Robbins' case	3 75	
A. L. Josselyn & Co., use of telephone	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$379 04
Total orders drawn		\$1002 17
Appropriation	\$595 00	
Applied part of overlayings	407 17	
	<hr/>	\$1002 17

## INSURANCE.

Paid S. J. Stearns, agent, premium less dividends for renewal of insurance of town property		\$341 15
Appropriation, 1897	\$225 00	
Unexpended balance of 1896 appro- priation	174 24	\$399 24
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Unexpended balance March 1, 1898		\$58 09
See list of insurance on town property.		

## PRINTING TOWN REPORTS.

Paid William M. Sargent, 725 copies town, 40 library and 50 school reports		\$119 85
Appropriation		\$119 85

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

## FIREMEN.

Appropriation, 1896	\$400 00	
Appropriation, 1897	400 00	\$800 00
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Paid T. E. Flarity, chief engineer, 1896 appropriation		\$400 00
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Unexpended balance due May 1, 1898		\$400 00

## TEAMS TO FIRES.

Paid T. E. Flarity, paid teams to cab- inet shop fires, as follows :		
Fred. Flag and F. S. Brown	\$1 50	
S. M. Farrar	1 00	
D. H. Coffey	1 00	
J. L. Farrar	2 00	

Paid T. E. Flarity, paid teams to  
Fessenden's fire as follows :

Will Powell	\$2 00	
S. M. Farrar	1 00	
J. L. Farrar	2 00	
T. E. Flarity, paid		
J. L. Farrar	2 50	
F. S. Brown	1 00	
Will Powell	1 00	
Teams to miscellaneous fires,		
L. Morgan to Riley's, South Row	1 00	
H. E. Buckley to Riley's, South Row	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$17 00
Appropriation		\$25 00
Unexpended balance applied to fire incidentals		\$8 00

## HOSE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Cornelius Callahan Co., 500 feet new hose	\$200 00	
T. E. Flarity, time and expense	4 00	
J. T. Lawrence, brick for fire cisterns	8 50	
T. T. Goodwin, labor on fire cis- terns	4 50	
S. O. Marshall, material and labor on fire cisterns	10 50	
	<hr/>	\$227 50
Appropriation		\$250 00
Unexpended balance applied to fire incidentals		\$22 50

## FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENTALS.

Paid T. E. Flarity, expense filling fire cisterns twice	\$10 00
A. S. Howard, tax collector, poll tax, Henry Boynton, fireman	2 00
T. E. Flarity, record book, express and supplies	5 70
Albert Scales, three loads sand for fire cisterns	1 05
T. E. Flarity, time and expense on steamer repair account	13 00
Manchester Locomotive Works, man and expense on steamer	9 58
The following persons for services as fire patrol July 4 :	
H. E. Buckley	\$2 50
Samuel Gillis	2 50
J. J. Morse	2 50
John Dobson	2 50
E. R. Cook	2 50
R. F. Copeland	2 50
J. A. Arlin	2 50
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	17 50
Frank Weston, supplies and repairs	5 10
T. E. Flarity, time and expense to Boston for engineer's license	4 00
A. E. Burt, oil, oiler, mica and repairs	3 08
Joseph Pierce & Son, supplies	1 46
E. W. Chapman, repairs Eclipse engine No. 2, and cash paid for same	5 25
Jennison Plumbing Co., pipe and work for Eclipse engine No. 2	6 72

Paid E. L. Winn, repairing fire alarm boxes	\$2 00	
Charles Fuller, setting glass	75	
C. W. Hildreth, two fire hooks	80	
W. L. Maynard, repairs to hose carriage	1 35	
A. D. Fessenden, 5070 lbs. egg coal	16 48	
A. D. Fessenden, waste	50	
A. D. Fessenden, teaming	20	
A. D. Fessenden, 5 bbls. cement for fire cisterns	11 10	
A. S. Howard, poll tax 35 firemen Eclipse company	70 00	
A. S. Howard, poll tax 13 firemen Steamer company	26 00	
A. D. Fessenden, 13 tons 1280 pounds cannel coal and unloading same	150 30	
	<hr/>	\$363 92
Appropriation	\$175 00	
Applied unexpended balance of hose and teams to fire appropriations	30 50	
And part of overlayings	158 42	
	<hr/>	\$363 92

NOTE.—No appropriation was made for cannel coal, but by vote of town January 1, 1898, the selectmen were directed to procure a supply.

### MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid H. F. Green, treasurer Towns- end Memorial Association	\$75 00
Appropriation	\$75 00

## MARKERS FOR GRAVES OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

Paid A. D. Fessenden, for Townsend Memorial Association		\$9 25
Balance of 1896 appropriation	\$13 72	
Unexpended balance, March 1, 1898		\$4 47

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## SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Paid Levi T. Parker, Burial Agent, burial remains of Albert G. Patten	\$35 00	
Taunton Lunatic Asylum, board of Isaac W. Kidder	95 00	
		\$130 00
Unexpended balance of 1895 and 1896 appropriations		\$130 00

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## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid E. R. Kilbourn, Treasurer trustees	\$259 92
Appropriation, dog tax, 1896	259 92

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## SUPPRESSION ILLEGAL SALE OF LIQUOR.

Paid G. A. Wilder, printing notices	\$1 00	
T. E. Flarity, time and expense, Wyman case	1 25	
E. R. Kilbourn, time and expense	13 95	
Michael O'Brien, expense	65	
J. Franklin Briggs	60 48	
A. E. Busteed	54 00	
		\$131 33
Unexpended balance of 1894 and 1895 appropriations		\$131 33

## CEMETERIES.

Paid A. D. Fessenden, for cemetery commissioners	\$179 53
Unexpended balance of 1891, 1892, 1893 and 1895 appropriations	\$179 53

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State and Military Aid has been paid as follows, with the approval of the State Aid Commissioners :

## STATE AID.

Paid Adams, Franklin	\$48 00
Brogan, Daniel	20 00
Brown, Rufus T.	48 00
Burgess, Jane P.	48 00
Clark, George E.	48 00
Clark, Lucy R. C.	48 00
Clark, Mary A.	48 00
Cook, Reuben S.	72 00
Cook, Rachel M.	36 00
Dix, Charles W.	48 00
Dwinels, Edwin	48 00
Fisk, Addison W.	48 00
Gage, Hale	48 00
Gillis, James	18 00
Gilmore, D. Alfred	36 00
Hazzard, Josephine	48 00
King, James	48 00
King, Mary	48 00
Parker, Levi T	36 00
Patten, Albert G.	3 00
Patten, Mary	48 00
Pierce, Delaney	48 00
Piper, Harriett	48 00
Pratt, Ellen A	48 00



Paid Perkins, Abraham	\$48 00	
Spear, William H.	48 00	
Tenney, William H.	60 00	
Todd, Hugh	48 00	
Wright, William R.	24 00	
Webb, Hannah	48 00	
Welch, Thomas H.	48 00	
Wright, Jennie	48 00	
Wright, Charles A	48 00	
	<hr/>	\$1457 00

No appropriation; whole amount refunded by State.

### MILITARY AID.

Paid, Mitchell, William C.	\$6 00	
Ripley, Nathaniel H.	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$26 00
One half refunded by State, \$13.00.		
Balance of appropriation, 1896	\$44 00	
Balance of appropriation, 1897	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$94 00
Unexpended balance, March 1, 1898		\$68 00

### MEMORIAL HALL.

Paid T. E. Flarity, services as janitor	\$252 00
W. Z. Sherwin, cash paid asbestos and hardware	5 93
Townsend Furniture Co., lumber and milling same for record case in vault	13 06
Samuel Scales, sharpening lawn mower	50

Paid Townsend Drug Co., paint and chemicals	\$1 48	
E. R. Cook, help rendered janitor	1 23	
T. E. Flarity, two glass lamps	25	
A. E. Burt, oil and brush	9 60	
W. D. Osgood, oil and supplies	7 09	
W. L. Maynard, repairs lawn mower, blind, etc.	3 25	
A. D. Fessenden, coal	61 75	
C. W. Parker, phosphate for lawn	3 40	
	<hr/>	\$360 54
Appropriation	\$300 00	
Applied part of overlayings	17 74	
Rental of hall	42 80	
	<hr/>	\$360 54

## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid School Committee, for teachers' salaries	\$3495 70	
School Committee, for Superintendent	593 53	
School Committee, for incidentals	1503 25	
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Total orders drawn for support of schools		\$5592 48
Appropriation, teachers' salaries	\$3500 00	
superintendent's	590 00	
incidentals	1500 00	
	<hr/>	\$5590 00
Exceeded appropriation	<hr/>	\$2 48

## BEQUEST

Of Anne E. Fessenden, Ellen F. Powers and Amanda E. Dwight, for laying water pipes in cemetery	\$500 00
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Paid A. D. Fessenden, for cemetery commissioners	\$500 00
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### REPAIRS STEAM FIRE ENGINE.

Paid Fitchburg R. R. Co., freight on relief steamer to and from Elmira, N. Y.	\$64 00	
E. R. Cook, work and cash paid	3 49	
A. E. Burt, Russian iron	3 60	
The La France Fire Engine Co., boiler, throttle valve, and work on same	535 00	
Spaulding Brothers Co., material and labor	203 03	
	\$809 12	

No money raised by local taxation to pay for the above expense, but by vote of town, June 30, 1897

\$625 00

was appropriated and borrowed by note issued October 1, 1897, and cancelled March 1, 1898, and by vote of town January 1, 1898, the further sum of

183 09

was appropriated but not borrowed, and a part of national bank tax, received from state, with the further sum of \$1.03 from same source, to make up deficiency, were applied

1 03

\$809 12

## NOTE FOR REPAIRS TO STEAM FIRE ENGINE.

Dated Oct. 1, 1897, for \$625, payable  
March 1, 1898, with interest at  
4 percent.

Paid C. F. Josselyn, above note cancelled \$625 00

C. F. Josselyn, interest on above  
note 10 42

           \$635 42

No appropriation.

Applied part of corporation tax \$635 42

## STATE HIGHWAY.

Paid Fred. E. Ellis, contractor, with  
approval of Massachusetts  
highway commissioners \$5000 00

William F. Wharton, profes-  
sional services securing state  
highway 50 00

           \$5050 00

Appropriation money borrowed Sept.  
1, 1896, by vote of town,  
July 13, 1895 \$5000 00

Applied part of corporation tax 50 00

           \$5050 00

## TOWN DEBT.

## CANCELLED AND INTEREST PAID.

Notes outstanding, March 1, 1897, in  
anticipation of taxes \$5750 00

Paid C. F. Josselyn, notes cancelled 2000 00

## INTEREST ON TAX NOTES.

Paid C. F. Josselyn, interest		\$342 35
Appropriation	\$300 00	
Applied part of corporation tax	42 35	
	<hr/>	\$342 35

## MEMORIAL HALL NOTES AND INTEREST.

Notes outstanding, March 1, 1897		\$9100 00
Paid C. F. Josselyn, notes cancelled		
May 1, 1897		1300 00
Appropriation, 1896		1300 00
Paid C. F. Josselyn, six month's interest on \$9100.00 at 4 percent to May 1, 1897	\$182 00	
Six month's interest on \$7800.00 at 4 percent, to November 1, 1897	156 00	
	<hr/>	\$338 00
Appropriation, 1896, unexpended balance	\$182 00	
Appropriation, 1897	312 00	
	<hr/>	\$494 00
Unexpended balance, due May 1, 1898		\$156 00

## MEMORIAL HALL, FURNISHING NOTES AND INTEREST.

Notes outstanding March 1, 1897		\$900 00
Paid C. F. Josselyn, note due May 1, 1897		\$300 00
Appropriation, 1896		\$300 00
Paid C. F. Josselyn, six month's interest on \$900 00, at 4 percent, to May 1, 1897		\$18 00
Unexpended balance of 1896 appropriation		\$18 00

Paid C. F. Josselyn, six month's interest on \$600.00, at 4 percent, to November 1, 1897	\$12 00
Appropriation, 1897, due	\$24 00
Unexpended balance, due May 1, 1898	\$12 00

## MEMORIAL HALL, EXCESS NOTES AND INTEREST.

Outstanding March 1, 1897	\$2222 27
Paid C. F. Josselyn, appropriation of 1896, to cancel note due July 31, 1897	\$300 00
Paid C. F. Josselyn, appropriation of 1896, for one year's interest on \$2222.27, at 4 percent, to July 31, 1897	\$88 89

## OVERDRAFT NOTES, 1893, AND INTEREST.

Outstanding March 1, 1897	\$2000 00
Paid C. F. Josselyn, one year's interest on \$2000.00, at 4 percent, to May 1, 1897	\$80 00
Balance of 1896 appropriation	\$40 00
Appropriation, 1897	80 00
	<hr/> \$120 00
Unexpended balance, due May 1, 1898	\$40 00

## STATE ROAD NOTES AND INTEREST.

Outstanding March 1, 1897	\$5000 00
Paid C. F. Josselyn, appropriation, 1897, to cancel note due September 1, 1897	\$500 00
C. F. Josselyn, appropriation, 1897, for six month's interest on \$5000.00, at 4 percent, to September 1, 1897, and six month's interest on \$4500.00, at 4 percent, to March 1, 1898	\$190 00

## STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid C. F. Josselyn, appropriation for	
State tax	\$840 00
C. F. Josselyn, appropriation for	
County tax	\$1136 73

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## RECAPITULATION.

Money appropriated and raised by vote of the town,  
April 5, 1897:

For Support of poor	\$1,500 00
Highways, bridges and snow	
paths	1,800 00
Snow paths on sidewalks	200 00
Watering trough at Harbor	5 00
Lighting streets	350 00
Town officers	675 00
General expenses	595 00
Insurance	225 00
Printing town reports	119 85

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Firemen	\$400 00
Teams to fires	25 00
Hose	250 00
Fire incidentals	175 00
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	\$850 00
Memorial Day	75 00
Military aid	50 00
Memorial Hall	300 00

## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Teachers	\$3500 00
Superintendent	240 00
Incidentals	1500 00
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	\$5,240 00



## For Interest on debt in anticipation

of taxes	\$300 00
Town debt	2,400 00
Interest, town debt	682 89

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 \$15,367 74

State tax	840 00
County tax,	1,136 73
Overlayings	757 40
Additions to Collector's book	5 55

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 \$18,107 42

Non-resident bank tax	347 20
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 \$18,454 62

Total amount committed to Col-  
lector

\$18,454 62

See Collector's and Treasurer's reports.

Orders have been drawn as follows :

For Support of poor	\$1811 47
Highways, bridges and snow paths	1652 48
Snow paths on sidewalks	40 71
Watering trough at Harbor	5 00
Lighting streets	306 66
Town officers	721 96
General expenses	1002 17
Insurance	341 15
Printing town reports	119 85
Firemen	400 00
Teams to fires	17 00
Hose and fire cisterns	227 50
Fire department, incidentals	363 92
Memorial Day	75 00
Markers for graves for soldiers and sailors	9 25
Soldiers' relief	130 00

For Public Library	\$259 92
Suppression illegal sale of liquor	131 33
Cemeteries	179 53
State aid	1457 00
Military aid	26 00
Memorial Hall	360 54
School teachers	3495 70
School superintendent	593 53
School incidentals	1503 25
Bequest for water pipes in cemetery	500 00
Repairs steam fire engine	809 12
State highway	5050 00
Town debt	5025 00
Town debt interest	1079 66
State tax	840 00
County tax	1136 73
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Total orders drawn and paid, see Treasurer's report	\$29,671 43

## FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1898.

### ASSETS.

Due from State, State aid	\$1457 00
Military aid	13 00
Inspector of animals	63 50
Burial remains Albert Patten	35 00
Superintendent of schools, July 1, 1898	675 00
Due from City of Fitchburg, Dexter Dickinson case	163 79

Due for Town of Pepperell, Mrs. L.		
A. Wood case	\$46	45
A. S. Howard, balance of commitment, 1895	343	36
A. S. Howard, balance of commitment, 1896	2325	38
A. S. Howard, balance of commitment, 1897	5355	16
Cash in hand of Treasurer	322	75
Massachusetts school fund in hands of Treasurer	192	28.
School books and supplies in hands of committee	100	00
Due town, per superintendent's report	123	54
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Total assets	\$11,216	21
Balance against the town	12,536	52
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	\$23,752	73

## LIABILITIES.

Demand notes outstanding in antici- pation of taxes	\$5050	00
Memorial Hall notes	7800	00
Memorial Hall furnishing notes	600	00
Memorial Hall excess notes	1922	27
Overdraft, 1893 notes	2000	00
State highway notes	4500	00
Superintendent of school notes	350	00
Interest on Memorial Hall notes, due April 30, 1898	156	00
Interest on Memorial Hall furnishing notes, due April 30, 1898	12	00
Interest on Memorial Hall excess notes, due July 31, 1898	76	89
Interest on overdraft 1893 notes, due April 30, 1898	40	00

Interest due March 1, 1898, on tax notes	\$64 86
Appropriation for firemen, due May 1, 1898	400 00
Balance of appropriation for highways	147 52
Balance of appropriation for snow paths on sidewalks	159 29
Balance of appropriation for lighting streets	43 34
Balance of appropriation for insurance	58 09
Balance of appropriation for markers for graves of soldiers and sailors	4 47
Balance of appropriation for military aid	68 00
Due Superintendent and Matron Town Farm and Almshouse, April 1, 1898	300 00
	<hr/> \$23,752 73

### LIST OF NOTES OWING BY THE TOWN.

Memorial Hall Notes, bearing 4 percent interest and taxes, if assessed in Townsend, payable semi-annually, April 30 and October 31, and maturing as follows :

\$ 1300 00	matures	April 30,	1898
1300 00	"	"	1899
1300 00	"	"	1900
1300 00	"	"	1901
1300 00	"	"	1902
1300 00	"	"	1903
<hr/> \$ 7800 00			

Memorial Hall Furnishing Notes, bearing 4 percent interest and taxes, if assessed in Townsend, payable semi-annually, April 30 and October 31, and maturing as follows :

\$300 00	matures April 30, 1898
300 00	" " " 1899
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\$600 00	

Memorial Hall Building Committee Excess Notes, bearing 4 percent interest and taxes, if assessed in Townsend, payable annually, July 31, and maturing as follows :

\$300 00	matures July 31, 1898
300 00	" " " 1899
300 00	" " " 1900
300 00	" " " 1901
300 00	" " " 1902
300 00	" " " 1903
122 27	" " " 1904
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\$1922 27	

Overdraft Notes (1893) bearing 4 percent interest and taxes, if assessed in Townsend, payable semi-annually, April 30 and October 31 :

\$2000.00 matures April 30, 1904

State Road Notes, bearing 4 percent interest and taxes, if assessed in Townsend, payable semi-annually, March 1 and September 1, and maturing as follows :

\$500 00	matures September 1, 1898
500 00	" " " 1899
500 00	" " " 1900
500 00	" " " 1901
500 00	" " " 1902
500 00	" " " 1903
500 00	" " " 1904
500 00	" " " 1905
500 00	" " " 1906
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\$4500 00	

Note dated March 1, 1898, for \$350.00 matures July 20, 1898, bearing 4 percent interest and taxes, if assessed in Townsend, and issued by authority of vote of town, September 20, 1897, to appropriate and borrow \$350.00 to employ a District Superintendent of Schools.

Notes for Money Borrowed in Anticipation of Taxes:

Lucy Scales, on demand	\$1000 00	
Ellen C. Howard, on demand	300 00	
Catherine C. Noyes, on demand	650 00	
Martha S. Saunders, on demand	1000 00	
W. L. Maynard, on demand	500 00	
E. A. Flagg, on demand	300 00	
W. E. Sylvester, on demand	1000 00	
C. A. Craig, on demand	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$5050 00

INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY,

On Memorial Hall Building, expires April 24, 1900	\$10,000 00
Furniture in Memorial Hall Building, expires July 12, 1900	1,300 00
Public Library, Law Library and furniture, expires March 1, 1898, and June 12, 1899	1,980 00
High School Building and fix- tures, expires December 1, 1900, and January 1, 1901	6,000 00
North Center School Building and fixtures, expires March 1, 1899	575 00
School building and fixtures at West Townsend, expires Sept. 1, 1900	2200 00

On School building and fixtures at Harbor, expires December 1, 1900	\$1,000 00
School building at Joslynville, expires September 1, 1898	750 00
Hearse Building, fixtures and carriages, expires August 1, 1898	400 00
Engine House, steamer, hose carriages and fixtures at Center, expires June 6, 1899	5,625 00
Engine House, engine and fixtures at West Townsend, expires March 1, 1899	1,800 00
Engine House at Harbor, expires March 1, 1899	400 00
Town Farm Buildings and contents, expires March 1, 1898, August 1, 1899, and August 1, 1900	3,900 00



## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

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Number of polls assessed	514
Tax on each poll	\$2 00
Personal estate assessed ex- cluding resident bank stock	\$109,310 00
Resident bank stock	77,600 00
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Total personal estate assessed	\$186,910 00
Real estate assessed, land, ex- cluding buildings	\$398,545 00
Buildings, excluding land	522,455 00
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Total real estate assessed	\$921,000 00
Total assessed valuation	<hr style="width: 20%; margin: 5px auto;"/> \$1,107,910 00

Rate of taxation per \$1000, \$15.50

Number of horses assessed	405
Cows assessed	365
Swine assessed	96
Neat cattle other than cows assessed	53
Sheep assessed	11
Fowls assessed	3510
Dwelling-houses assessed	493
Acres of land assessed	20,865

ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY EXEMPT  
FROM TAXATION, AS REPORTED TO  
STATE OFFICERS.

Congregational Church and land	\$6,900 00
Methodist Church and land	4,200 00
Baptist Church and land	3,350 00
Unitarian Church	2,200 00
Universalist Church	500 00
Catholic Church and land	3,000 00
School houses and land	9,850 00
Memorial Hall and land	13,000 00
Public Library	1,700 00
Other public buildings	5,300 00
Public Park	1,500 00
Cemeteries	1,000 00
Other real estate	3,000 00
Fire apparatus	4,500 00
Other assets	1,000 00
Trust funds	5,400 00
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	\$66,400 00

# ESTIMATES OF AMOUNTS NEEDED BY THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR.

Highways, bridges and breaking snow	
paths	\$1800 00
Support of poor	1600 00
Lighting streets	350 00
Town officers	675 00
General expenses	600 00
Memorial Hall	300 00
Watering-trough at Harbor	5 00
Town debt (Memorial Hall and state road notes)	2400 00
Town debt interest (Memorial Hall and state road notes)	586 89
Interest on money borrowed in antici- pation of taxes	250 00
Insurance	50 00
Suppression of illegal sale of intoxicat- ing liquor	200 00
Memorial Day	75 00
Soldiers' relief	100 00
Superintendent of schools	450 00
School teachers	3500 00
School incidentals	1500 00
Firemen	400 00
Teams to fires	25 00
Fire department incidentals	175 00
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	\$15,041 89
Printing town reports	

Respectfully submitted,

A. K. TYLER,  
R. B. ADAMS,  
W. Z. SHERWIN,

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1898.

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Balance in Treasury March 1, 1897	\$209 48
Received from State Treasurer, Corporation tax	797 21
State Treasurer, National Bank tax	443 95
State Treasurer, Military aid	36 00
State Treasurer, State aid	1,536 00
State Treasurer, support State paupers	104 07
State Treasurer, burial indigent soldiers	35 00
State Treasurer, account Inspector of Animals	48 79
State Treasurer, Superintendent of Schools, refunded	392 80
State Treasurer, education of children under charge of Board of Lunacy and Charity, and Trustees of Lyman and Industrial School	56 00
County Treasurer, dog licenses	245 95
James Gillis, Cemetery Fund	150 00
Dr. Miles Spaulding, Cemetery Fund	100 00
Massachusetts Loan and Trust Co., State Road Fund	5,000 00
Interest on same, five months	63 33

Received from North Star Lodge,	
I. O. O. F., rent of halls	\$40 00
First District Court	97 64
L. A. Pratt, superintendent, supplies sold	2 18
H. A. Hill, agent for Mrs. A. E. Fessenden, E. F. Powers and A. E. Dwight, for water in Cemetery as per vote of Town, April, 1895	500 00
L. W. Stearns, butcher's license	1 00
F. A. Smith, butcher's license	1 00
T. E. Flarity, janitor, rent Memorial Hall	42 80
Town history sold	2 50
Joseph F. Thompson, logs	268 50
Rosilla Adams, refunded	22 67
Maurice Welch, refunded	87 75
Frank Weston, refunded	60
Received for tuition	34 00
Janitor, rent Seminary Hall	23 75
R. B. Adams, for old copper	2 20
Money borrowed	7,275 00
A. S. Howard, Collector, 1895 taxes	2,146 31
A. S. Howard, Collector, 1896 taxes	2,487 54
A. S. Howard, Collector, 1897 taxes	1,3099 46
Interest on 1894 taxes	34 42
Interest on 1895 taxes	200 00
	<hr/> \$35,587 90

Paid State Treasurer National Bank tax	\$343 72	
Notes	5000 00	
Deposited in Boston Five Cent Bank, cemetery funds	250 00	
Town orders, which include State and County taxes and part of notes reported due March 1, 1897	29,671 43	
Balance on hand.	322 75	
	<u>          </u>	\$35,587 90

CHARLES F. JOSSELYN, Treasurer.

I have examined the above account and find it correct.

HENRY A. HILL, Auditor.

Due the Town from A. S. Howard, Collector, March 1, for taxes, 1895	\$2489 67	
Amount collected	2146 31	
	<u>          </u>	\$343 36
Due the Town from A. S. Howard, Collector of Taxes, 1896	\$4812 92	
Amount collected	2487 54	
	<u>          </u>	\$2325 38
Amount committed to A. S. Howard. Collector of Taxes, 1897	\$18,449 07	
Addition to commitment	5 55	
	<u>          </u>	\$18,454 62
Amount collected		13,099 46
		<u>          </u>
		\$5355 16
Leaving balance due the Town, March 1, 1898		\$8023 90

CHARLES F. JOSSELYN, Treasurer.

## LIST OF CEMETERY FUNDS.

R. T. Bartlett	\$200 00
Charles Emery	500 00
Edson Adams	150 00
Henry Warner	150 00
Mary P. Spaulding	50 00
James N. Tucker	500 00
Mary P. Warren	100 00
Joel Giles	2000 00
W. and A. L. Fessenden	1000 00
F. G. Lewis	250 00
Charles E. Powers	250 00
Dr. Miles Spaulding	100 00
James Gillis	150 00
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	\$5400 00

## DEPOSITED AS FOLLOWS :

Deposit book 68,240, Home Savings Bank	\$1000 00
Deposit book 31,804, Fitchburg Sav- ings Bank	1000 00
Deposit book 21,536, Worcester North Savings Bank	1000 00
Deposit book 8628, Winchendon Sav- ings Bank	1000 00
Deposit book 33,949, Holyoke Sav- ings Bank	1000 00
Deposit book 383,318, Boston Five Cent Bank	400 00
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	\$5400 00



## CEMETERY FUNDS.

## RECEIVED.

Interest, Home Savings Bank, to April 1897	\$40 40	
Interest, Fitchburg Savings Bank, to July 1897	38 36	
Interest, Worcester North Savings Bank, to July 1897	40 40	
Interest, Boston Five Cent Bank, to October 1897	9 52	
Interest, Winchendon Savings Bank, to November 1897	45 50	
Interest, Holyoke Savings Bank, to January 1898	40 40	
	<hr/>	\$214 58
Paid A. D. Fessenden as per order Cemetery Commissioner		\$214 58

CHARLES F. JOSSELYN, Treasurer.

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I have examined the above account and found it correct.

HENRY A. HILL, Auditor.

## MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL FUND.

Balance on hand March 1, 1897	\$16 70	
Income, Massachusetts School Fund	281 28	
	<hr/>	\$297 98
Paid bills as per vouchers School Com- mittee	\$105 70	
Balance on hand	192 28	
	<hr/>	\$297 98

CHARLES F. JOSSELYN, Treasurer.

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I have examined the above account and found it correct.

HENRY A. HILL, Auditor.

# COLLECTOR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1898.

Uncollected taxes of 1894	\$19 75
Balance due on commitment of 1895	343 36
Balance due on commitment of 1896	2325 38

## COMMITMENT OF 1897.

State tax	\$840 00
County tax	1136 73
Town tax	15,367 74
Overlayings	757 40
Non-resident bank tax	347 20
Additions	5 55
	<u>          </u> \$18,454 62

Collected	\$13,076 65
Uncollected	5,355 16
Abatements	22 81
	<u>          </u> \$18,454 62

## INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Paid Treasurer, Sept. 24, 1896, on tax of 1894	\$100 00
Paid Treasurer, March 1, 1897, on tax of 1894	166 00
Paid Treasurer, Oct. 16, 1897, on tax of 1894	34 42
	<u>          </u> \$300 42

Paid Treasurer, March 1, 1897, on tax of 1895	\$100 00	
Paid Treasurer, March 1, 1898, on tax of 1895	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$300 00

ALBERT S. HOWARD, Collector.

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## AUDITORS' REPORT.

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TOWNSEND, MASS., March 9, 1898.

We have examined the accounts of the several officers and committees of the town, for the year ending March 1, 1898, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

EVERETT W. SEAVER,  
WALDO SPAULDING,  
HENRY A. HILL,

AUDITORS.

# TOWN WARRANT.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
MIDDLESEX, SS.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of  
Townsend, in said County.*

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Memorial Hall, in Townsend, on MONDAY, APRIL 4, at ten o'clock A. M., A. D., 1898, to give in their ballots for a Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, three members of the School Committee to serve for three years, three Auditors, three members of the Board of Health, three Constables, Tax Collector, two Sextons, one Trustee of the Public Library for three years and one Cemetery Commissioner for three years; also to vote "Yes" or "No" on the question, "Shall a license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

The polls will be open at ten o'clock A. M. and may be closed at two o'clock P. M.

Also to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers not before mentioned and not required by law to be chosen by ballot.

ART. 3. To decide if the money refunded to the town on account of dog licenses shall be used for the public library or for schools.

ART. 4. To authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow such sums of money in anticipation of taxes for the current year as shall be found necessary to meet the current expenses of the year, or take any action in relation thereto.

ART. 5. To direct the Tax Collector to charge interest upon all taxes not paid at a specified time, or act in any way in relation thereto.

ART. 6. To choose a committee to act with the Selectmen in the suppression of the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors, or act in relation thereto.

ART. 7. To raise and appropriate money, say how much and how the same shall be expended, for highways, bridges and breaking snow paths, support of poor, lighting streets, town officers, general expenses, Memorial Hall, watering trough at Harbor, Memorial Hall and state road debt, interest on Memorial and state road debt, interest on money borrowed in anticipation of taxes, insurance, suppression of the illegal sale of intoxicating liquor, Memorial Day, soldiers' relief, superintendent of schools, school teachers' salaries, school incidentals, firemen of fire department, teams to fires, fire department incidentals and printing town reports.

ART. 8. To see if the town will raise the sum of two hundred dollars to be expended by the Cemetery Commissioners in laying water pipes and grading avenues in Townsend Center cemetery.

ART. 9. By request. To see if the town will raise a sum of money to pay the Chief Engineer, or act in relation thereto.

ART. 10. By request. To determine if the town will take action for the better protection of the wood-work from the heat of the furnace in the kitchen of Memorial Hall, or act thereon.

ART. 11. To accept of the reports of the town officers and committees, or act in relation thereto.

ART. 12. To hear reports of committees on electric lights, on methods of keeping town accounts and records, on inducements to manufacturers, on purchase of hearse, on book-case, and others, if any, and take action relative thereto.

ART. 13. To see if the town will accept from Leander W. Cummings, Emeline C. Spaulding and Martha C. Gibbs, the sum of \$100, in trust, the income therefrom to be devoted to the perpetual care, improvement and embellishment of the family lot in the cemetery at Townsend Center, known as the Nathaniel F. Cummings lot.

ART. 14. By request. To see if the town will grant permission to North Star Lodge No. 144, I. O. O. F., to light by electricity the hall and banquet-room leased by it from the town, or act otherwise in relation thereto.

ART. 15. By request. To see if the town will add to its code of by-laws certain sections prohibiting the presence of children under sixteen years of age on the streets, or other public property of the town, after 9 P. M., from April 1 to September 30, and after 8 P. M, from October 1 to March 31, each year, under rules and regulations to be submitted for consideration at the meeting called by this warrant, and make necessary provision for enforcing such prohibition, or take any action relating thereto.

ART. 16. By request. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair the culvert on the old turnpike road near the Walker Pond, or act in relation to the same.

ART. 17. To determine if the town will choose three Highway Surveyors, or act in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof, at the Town Hall, the Brick Meeting-house in West Townsend, and the Meeting-house in the Harbor, in said Townsend, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of your doings thereon, to the Selectmen, or Town Clerk, on or before the time appointed for said Meeting.

Given under our hands, this Twelfth day of March, A. D., 1898.

A. K. TYLER,  
R. B. ADAMS,  
W. Z. SHERWIN,

*Selectmen of Townsend.*





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